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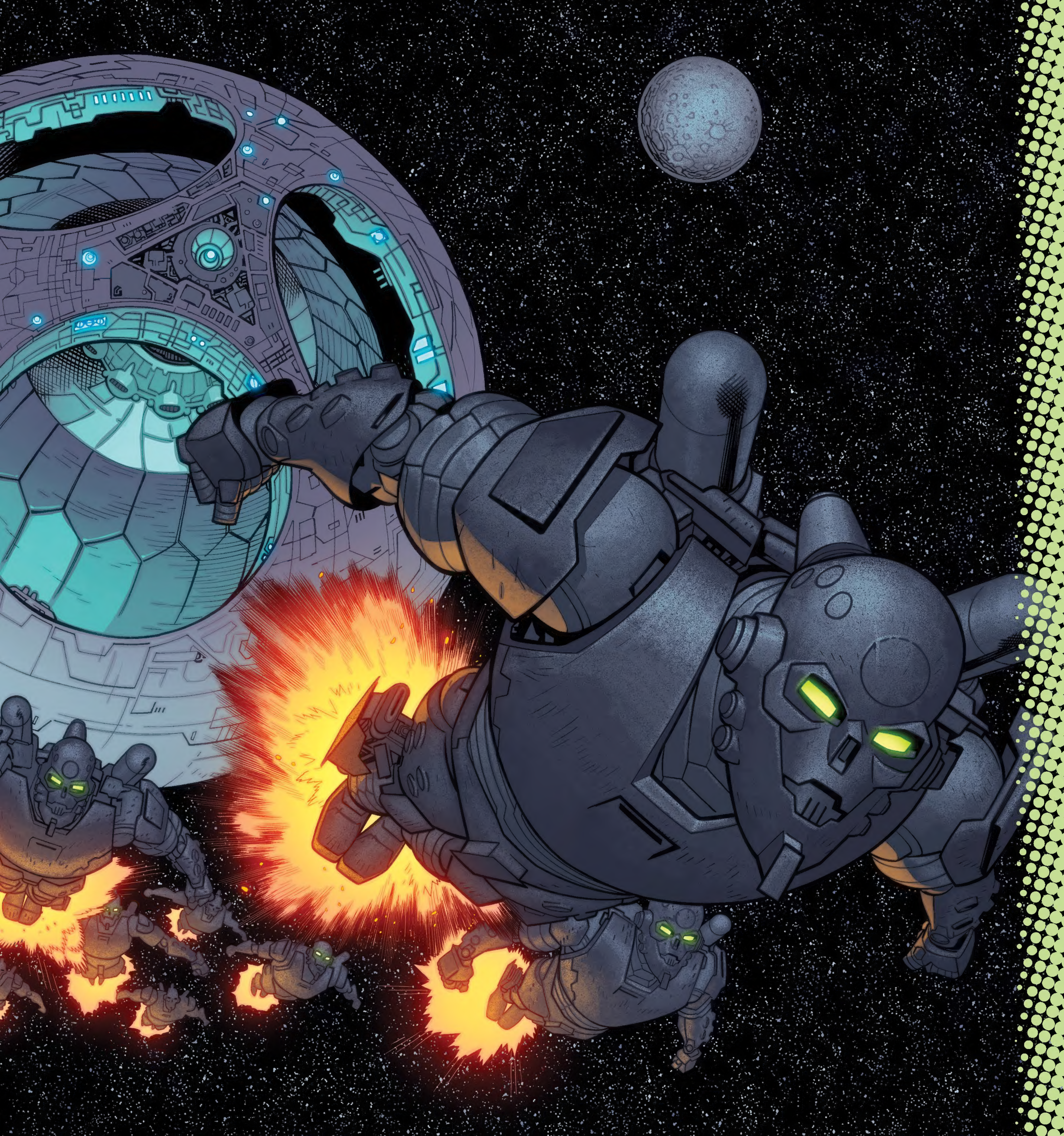
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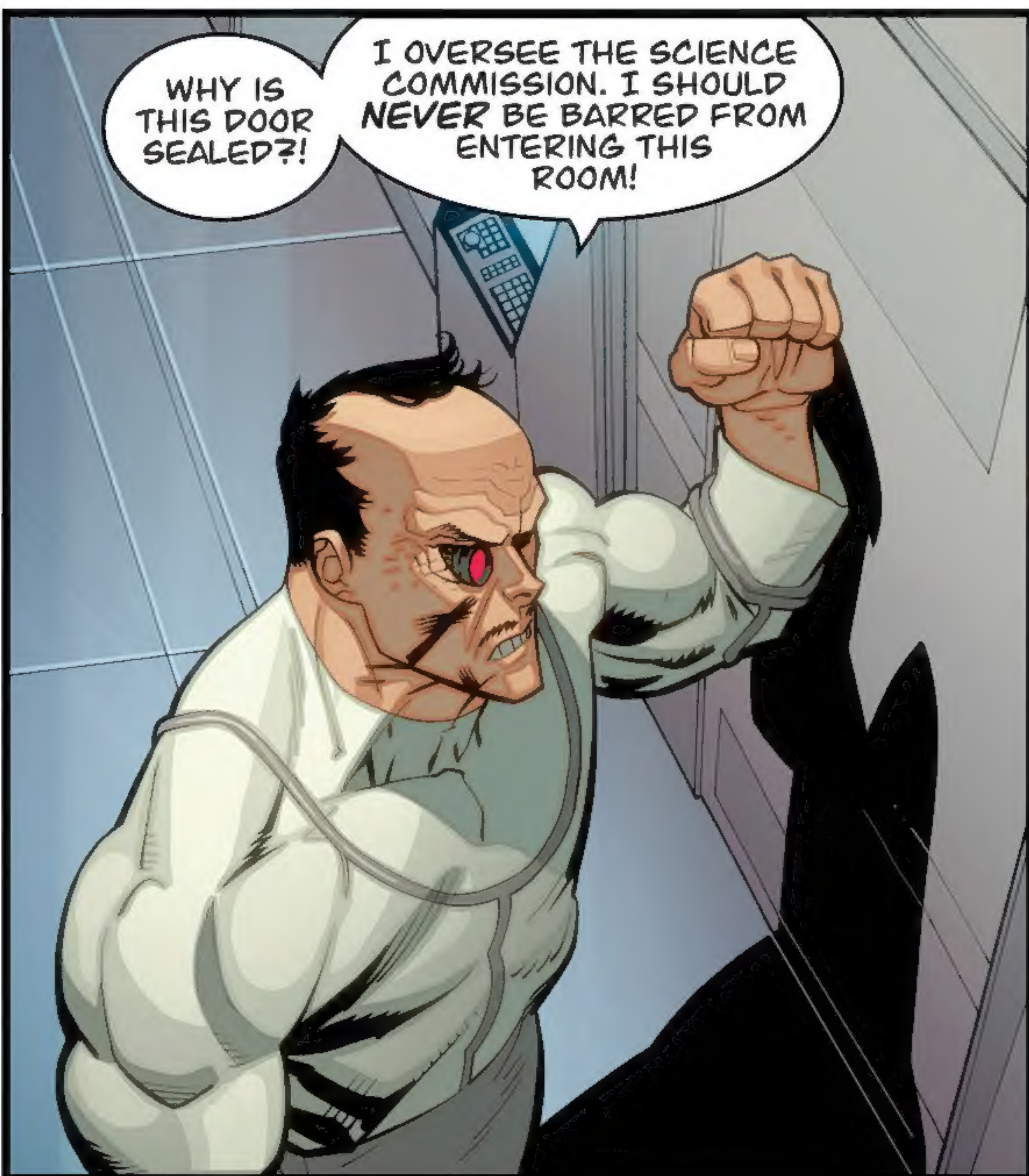
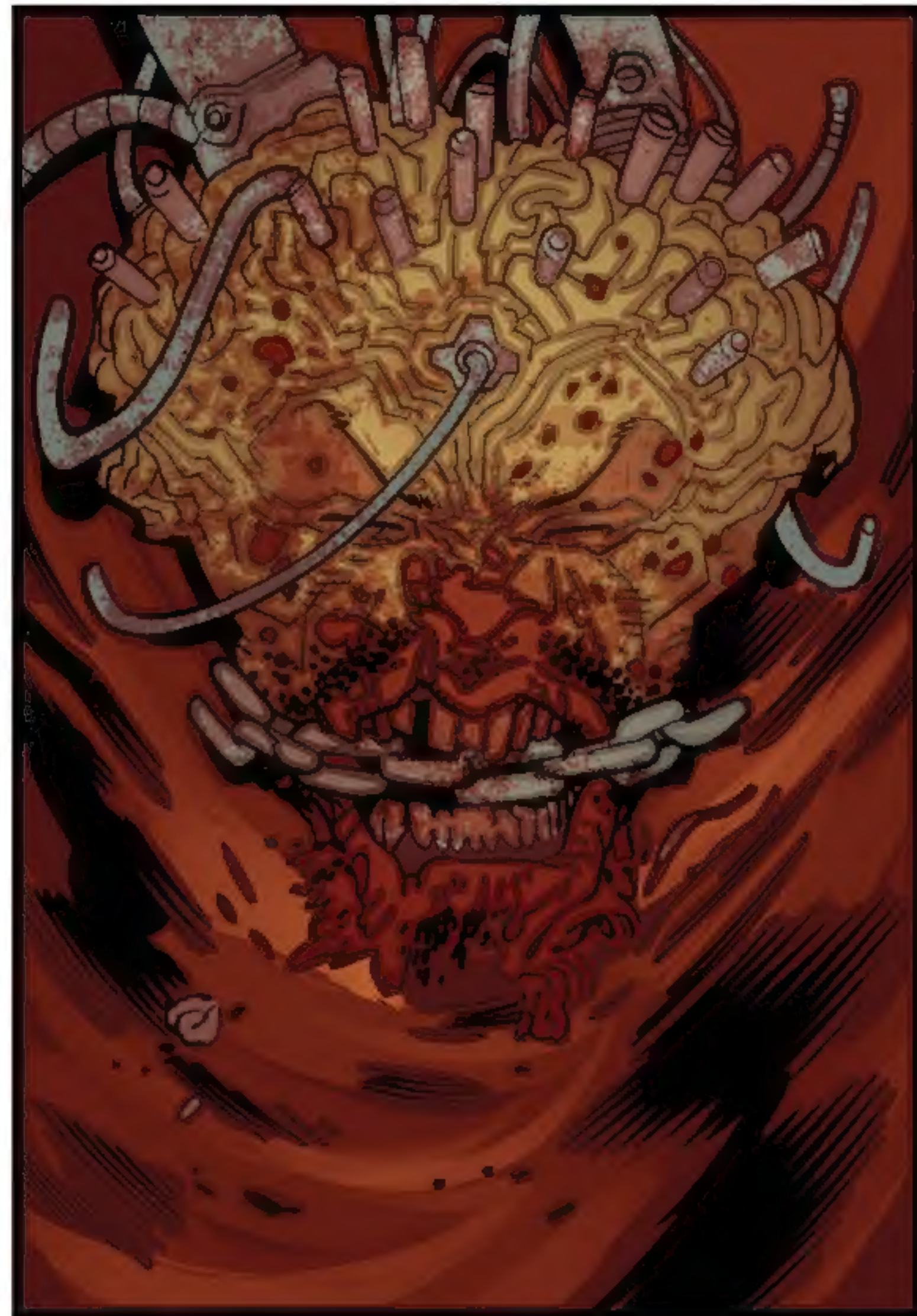


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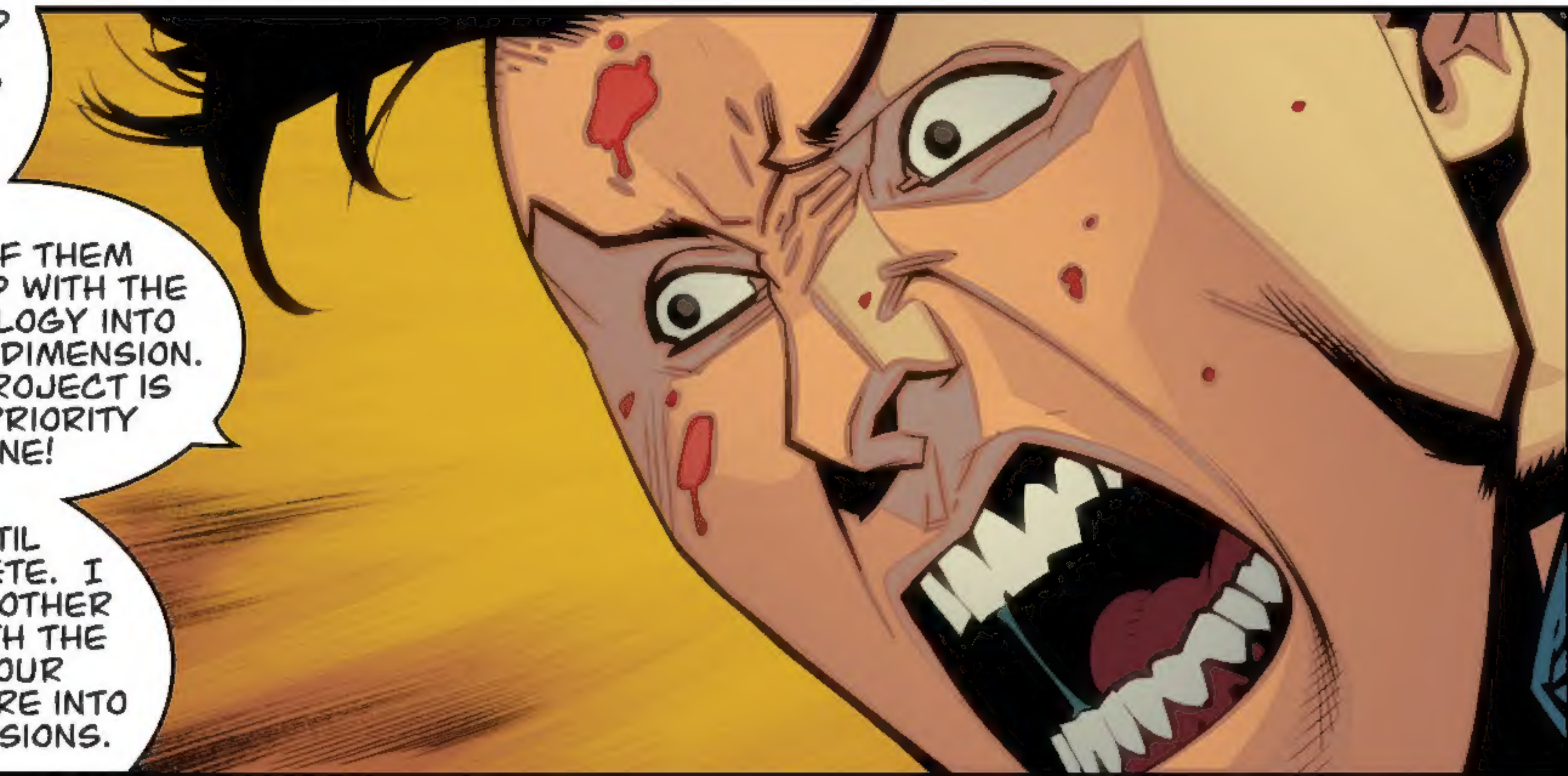




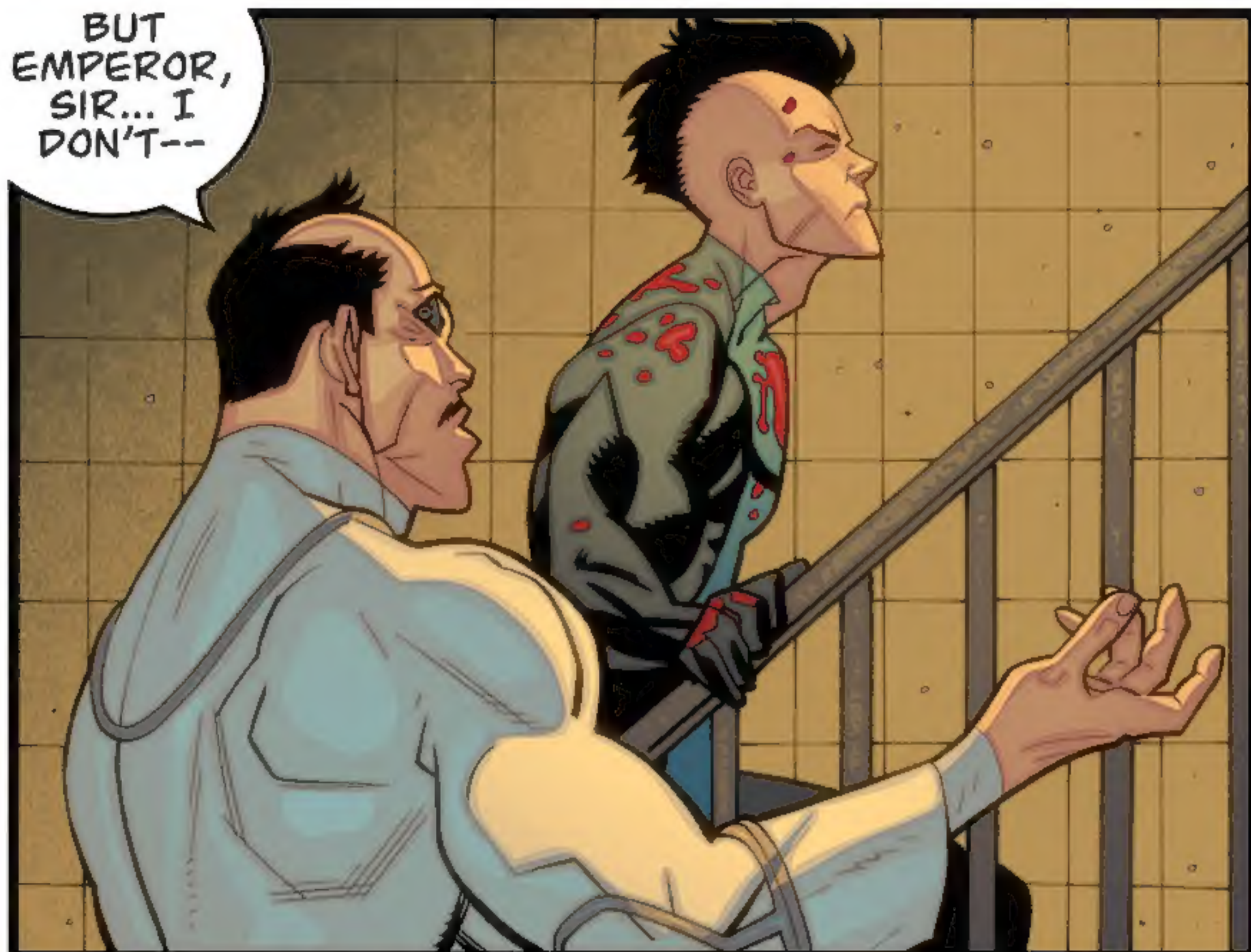
THE VERY PEOPLE WHO PROVIDED MY ESCAPE FROM ANGSTROM LEVY'S DIMENSION AND ALLOWED ME TO BRING HIM HERE TO HARNESS HIS POWER--HAVE KILLED HIM AND TRIED TO HALT OUR PROGRESS!

ONE OF THEM ESCAPED WITH THE TECHNOLOGY INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION. **THIS PROJECT IS NOW PRIORITY ONE!**

YOU WILL HANDLE ALL OF MY DUTIES UNTIL THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE. I WILL GO NOW, TO SEEK ANOTHER WHO CAN PROVIDE US WITH THE MEANS OF EXPANDING OUR **GLORIOUS VILTRUM EMPIRE** INTO COUNTLESS OTHER DIMENSIONS.

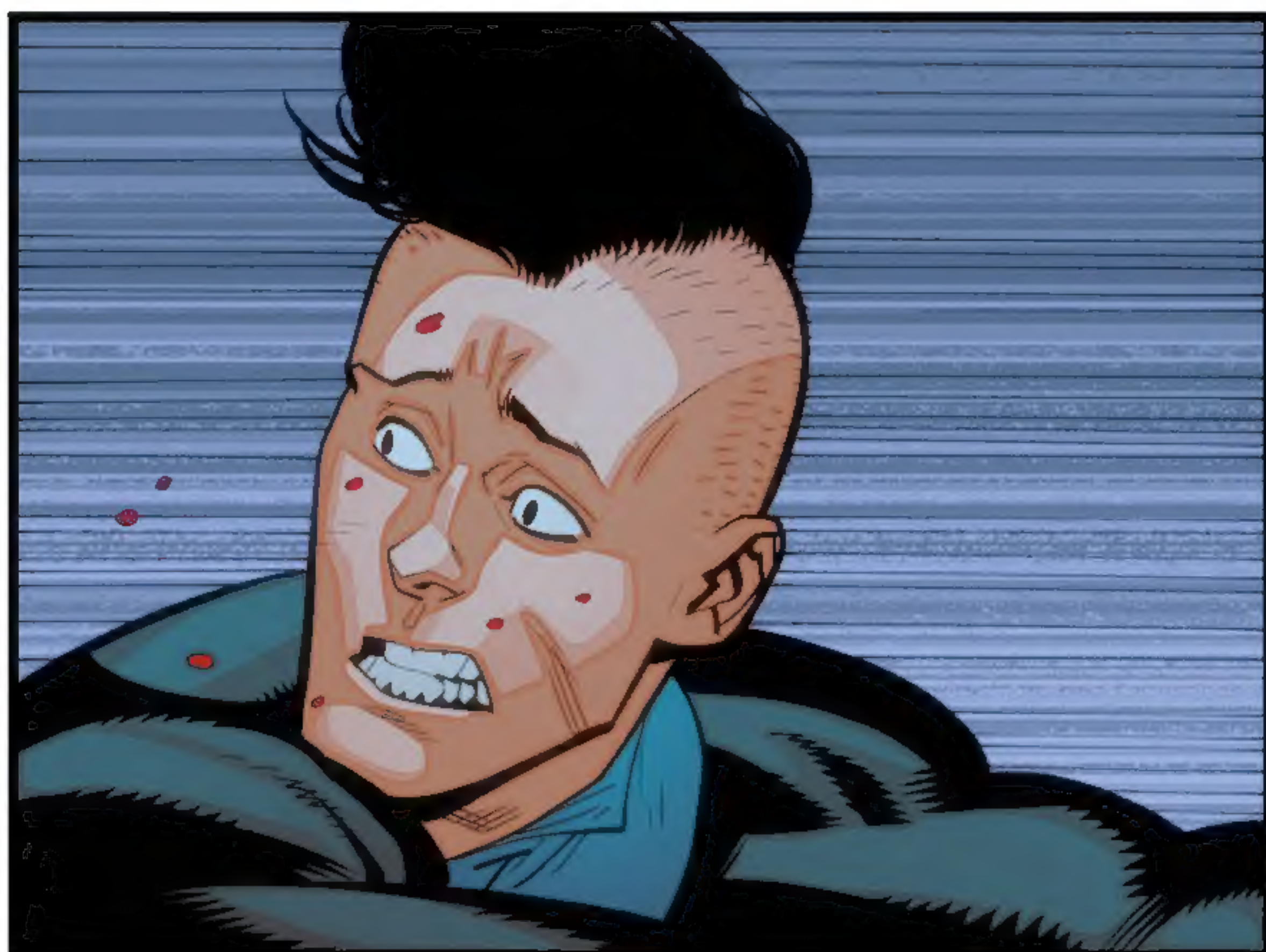


BUT EMPEROR, SIR... I DON'T--

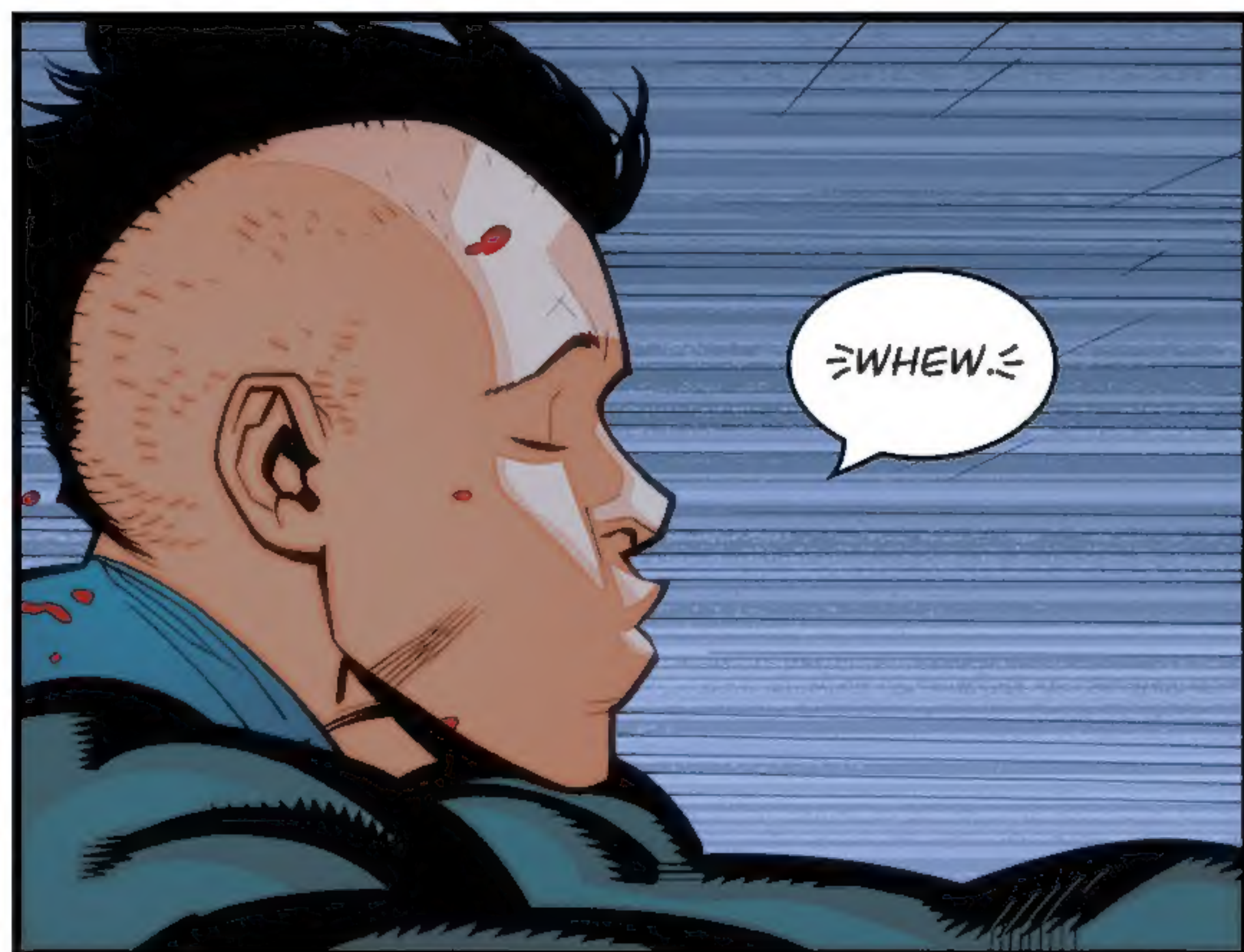


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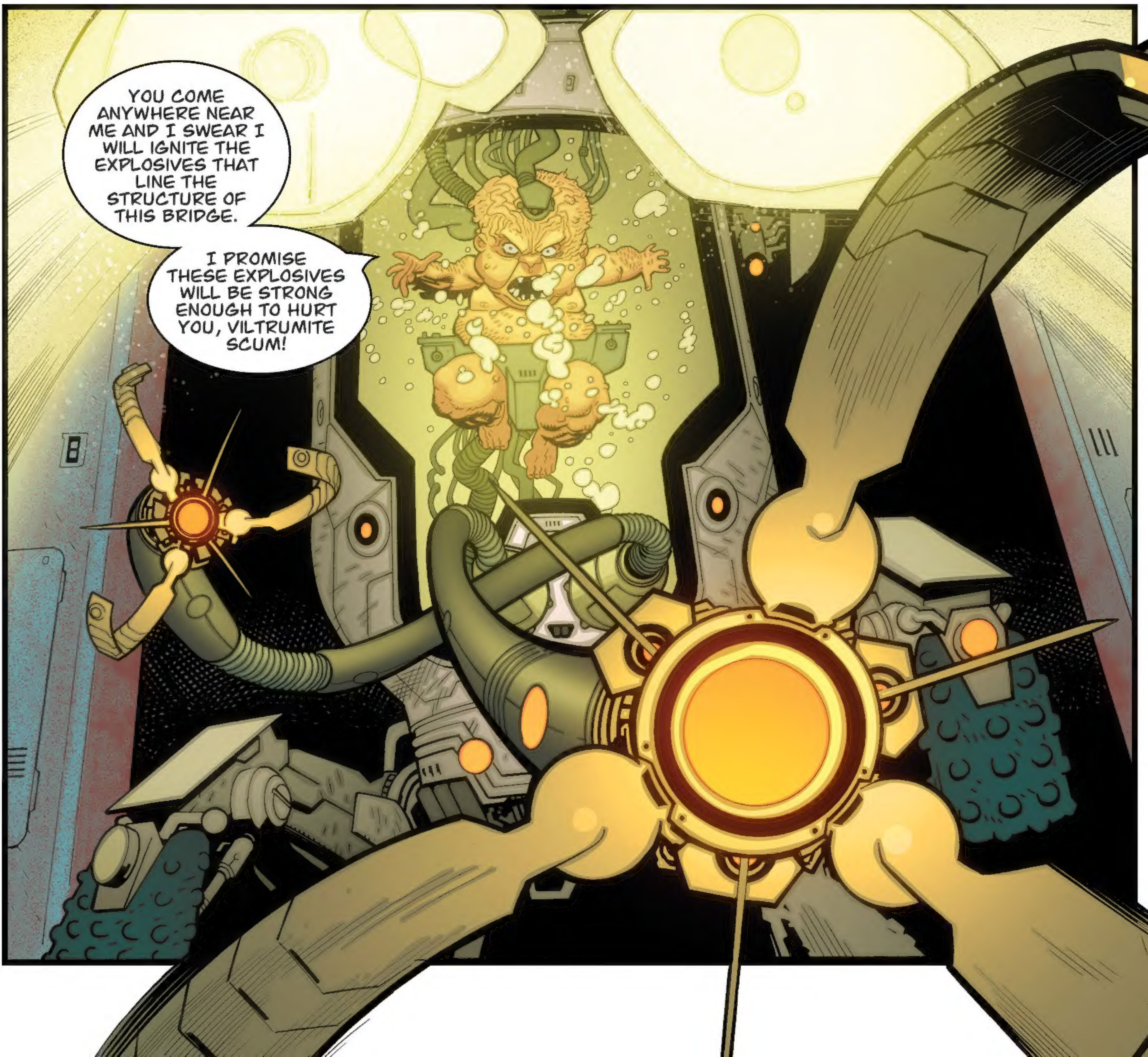
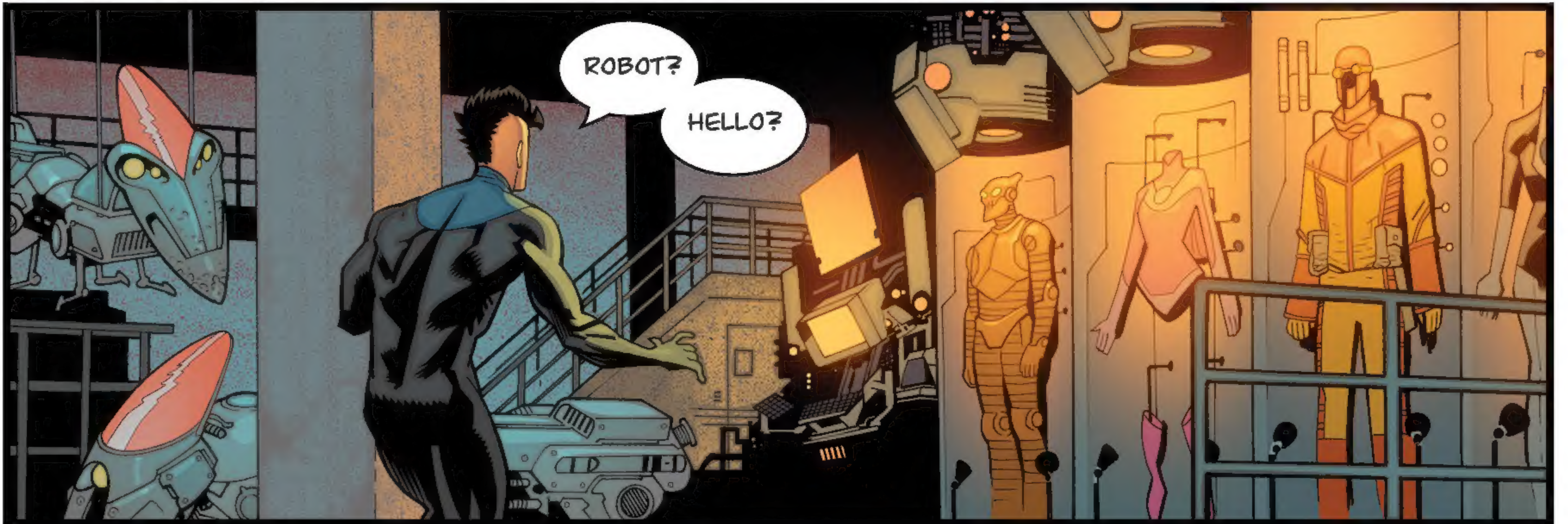
I EXPECT THIS MESS TO BE GONE UPON MY RETURN!



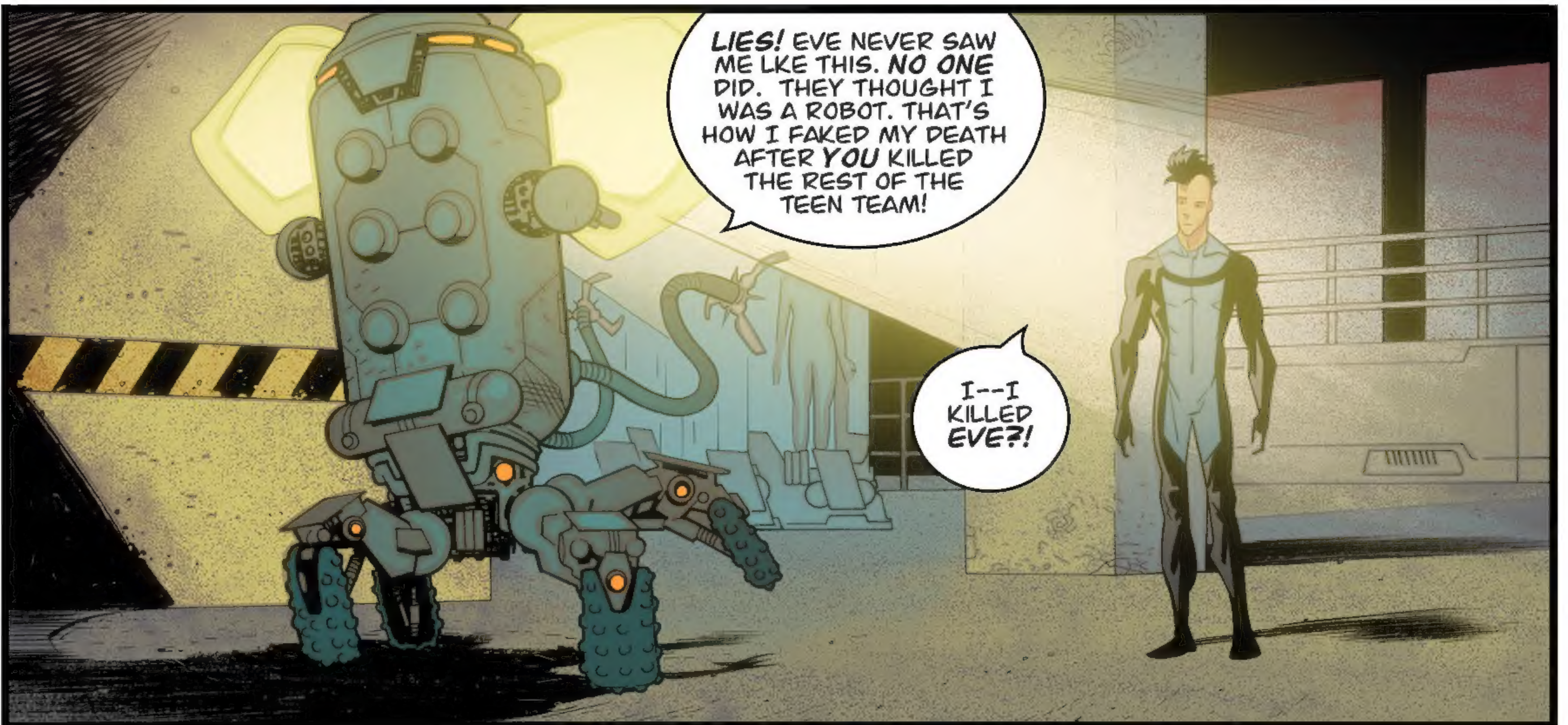
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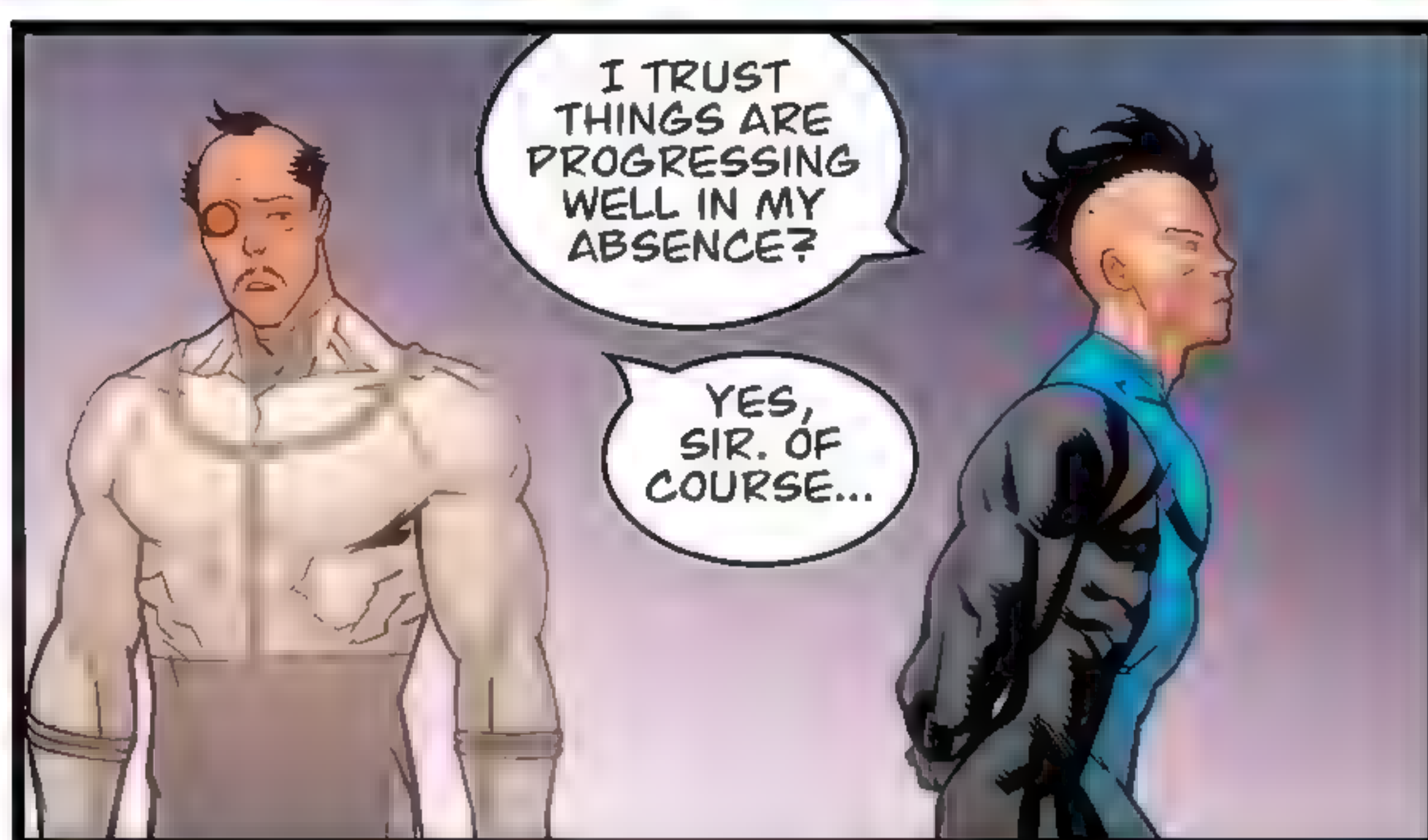
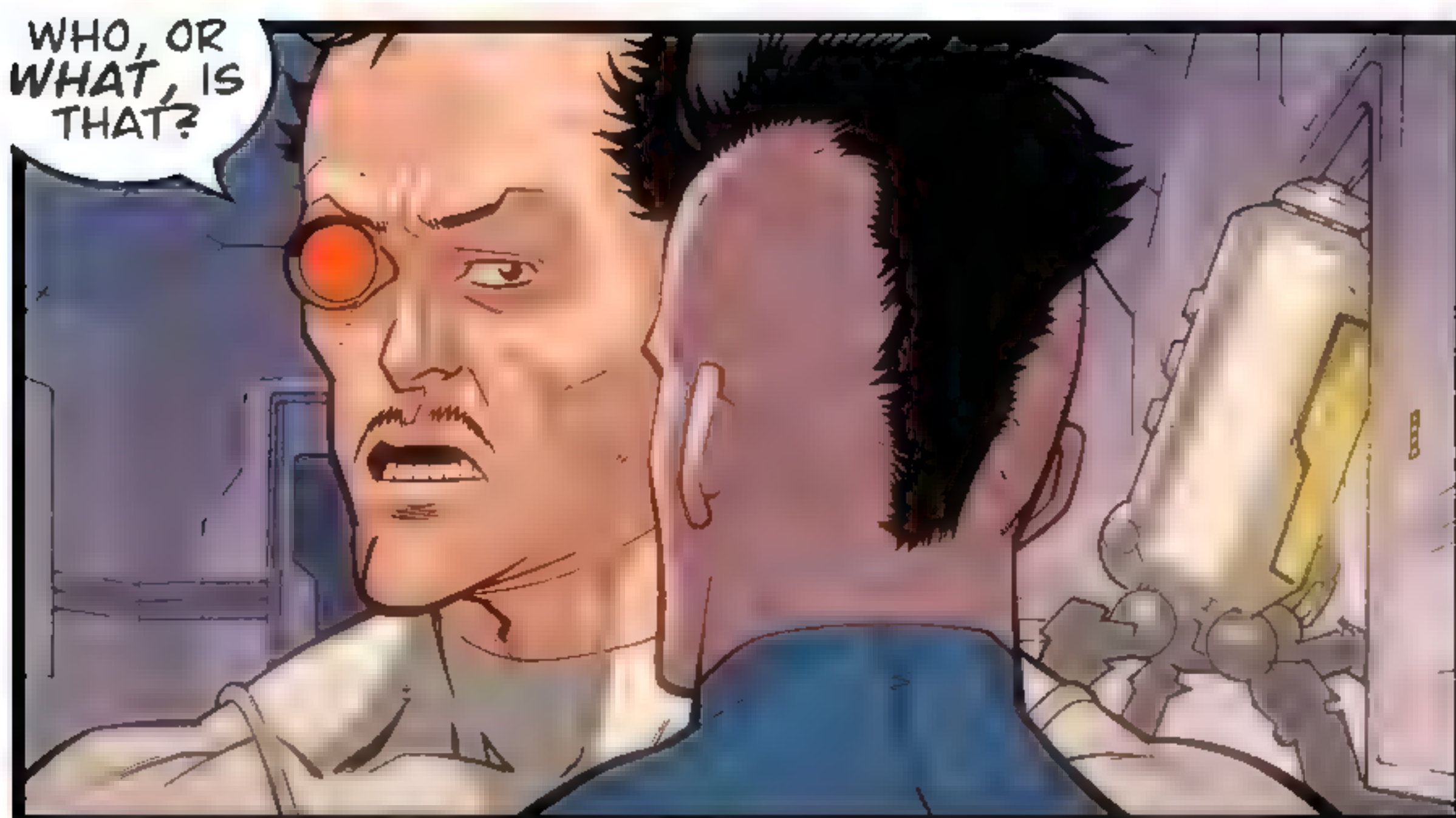
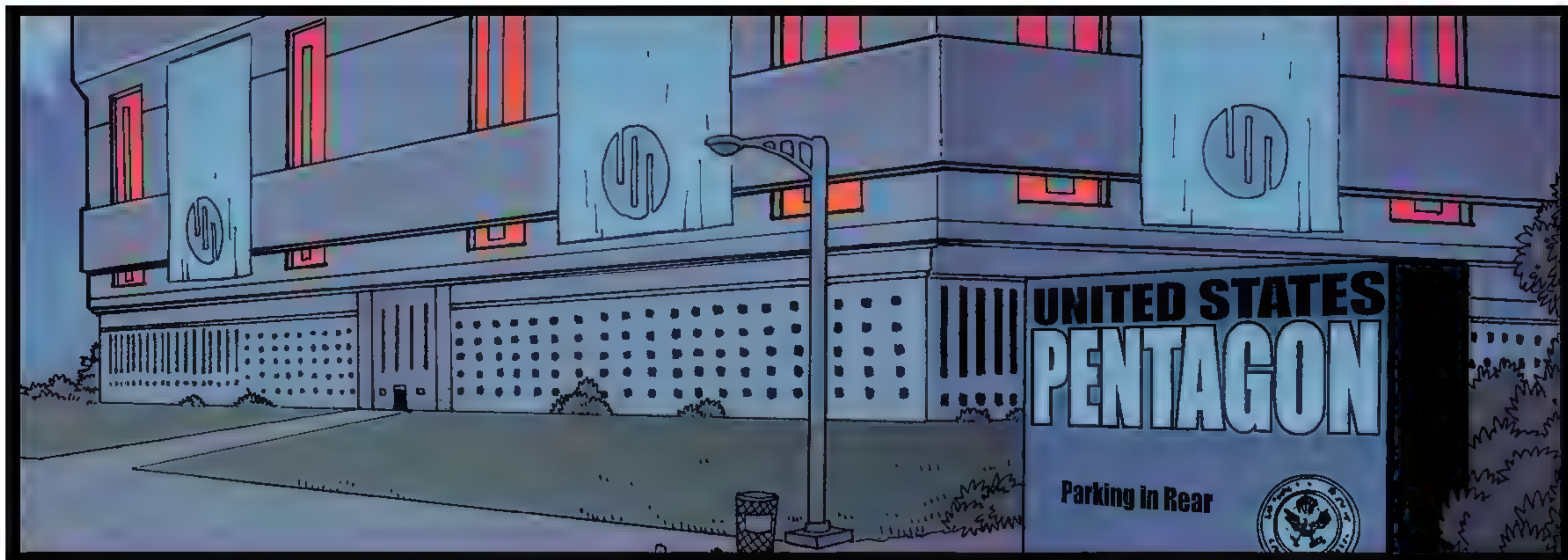




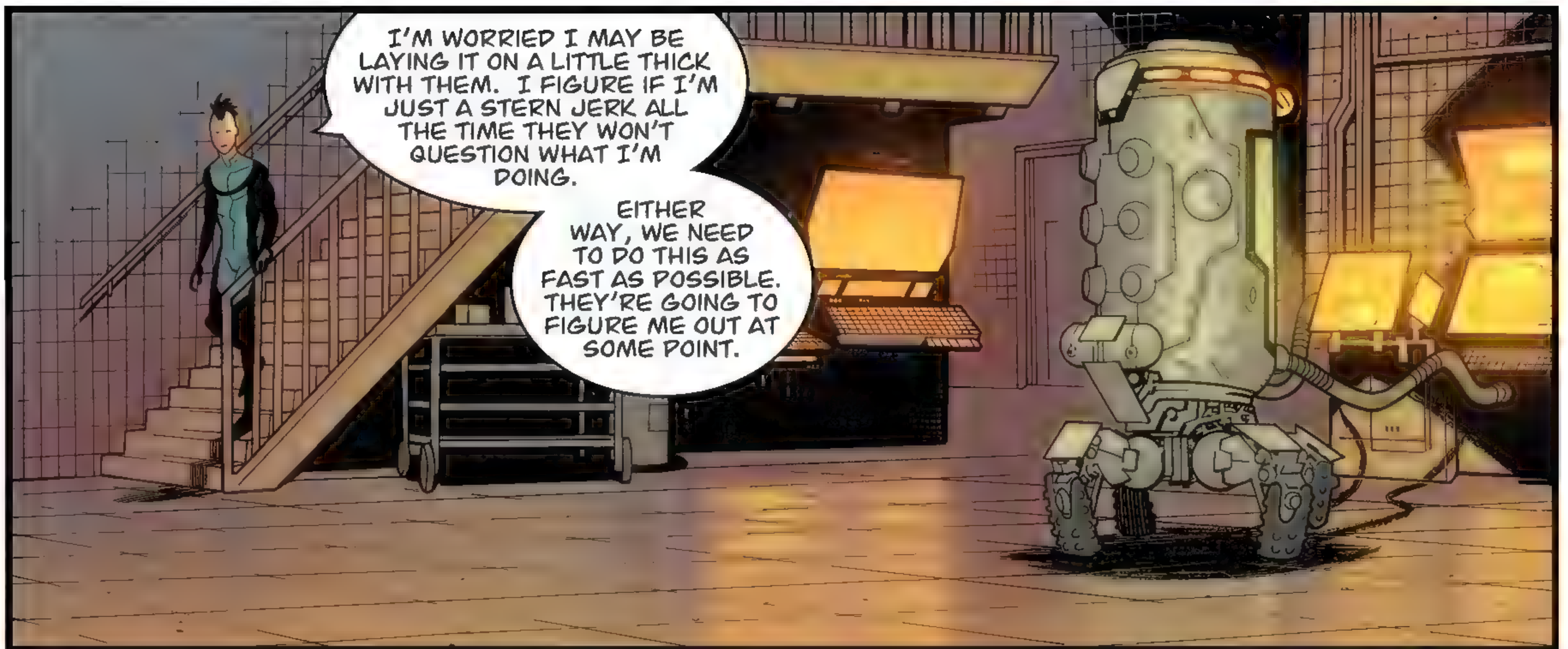












I'M WORRIED I MAY BE LAYING IT ON A LITTLE THICK WITH THEM. I FIGURE IF I'M JUST A STERN JERK ALL THE TIME THEY WON'T QUESTION WHAT I'M DOING.

EITHER WAY, WE NEED TO DO THIS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. THEY'RE GOING TO FIGURE ME OUT AT SOME POINT.

I'VE ALREADY DOWNLOADED ALL THE WORK THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DONE ON THIS PROJECT. AT A GLANCE, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WERE CLOSE... SO THIS SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD.

I'D FEEL SAFER WORKING OFF-SITE... I HAVE EVERYTHING I'LL NEED.

JUST LET ME CHECK A FEW THINGS BEFORE WE GO.



ROBOT, LET ME ASK YOU...

ARE YOU SURE I KILLED EVE?

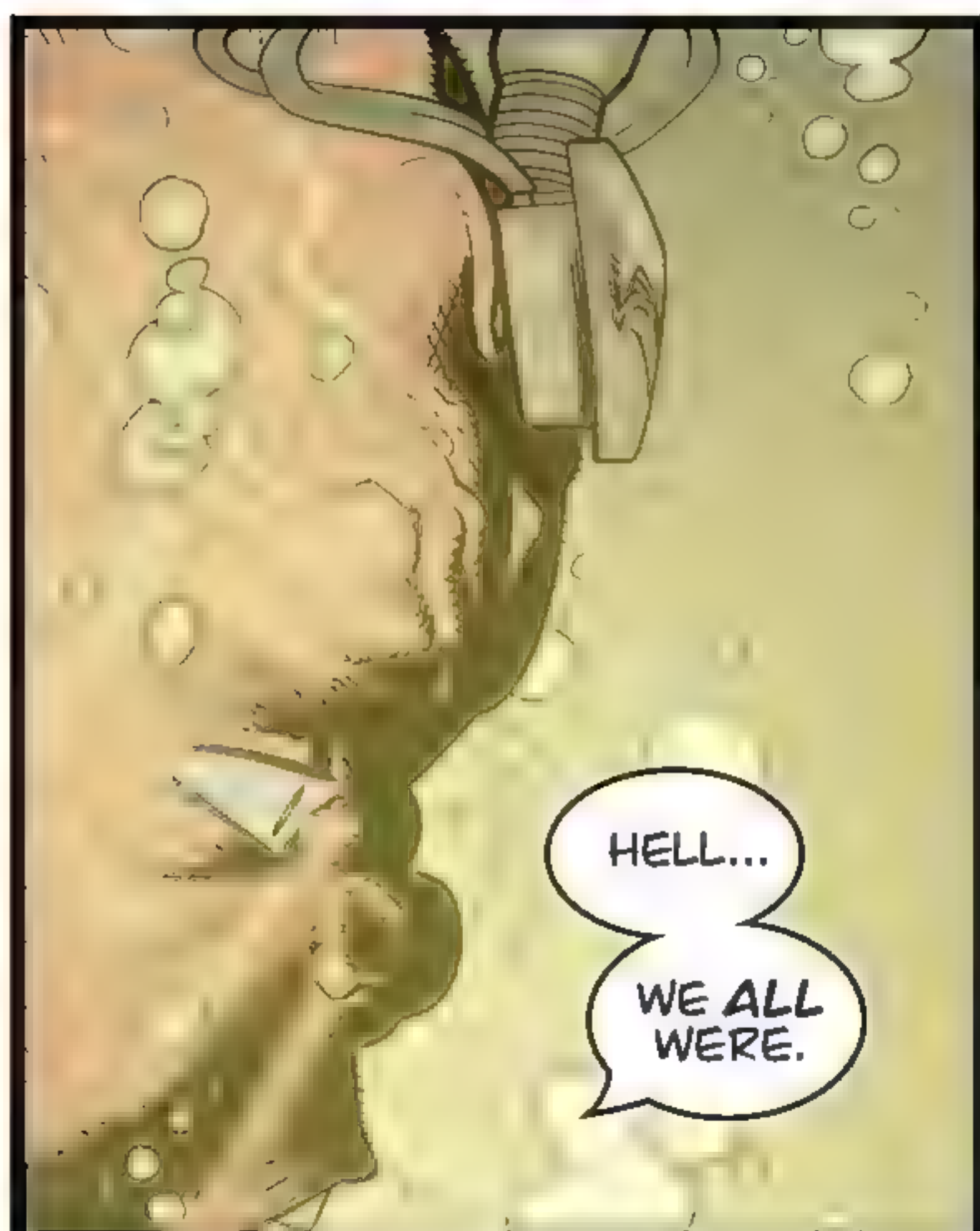


I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME RUDY. I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO REVEAL MY IDENTITY.

BUT YES. I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES. THE TWO OF YOU HAD GROWN CLOSE, BUT YOU JUST WEREN'T HUMAN. YOU DIDN'T SEE THINGS THE SAME WAY... SOMETHING WAS OFF. THERE WERE LITTLE THINGS, BUT WE MOSTLY IGNORED THEM.

ONCE YOUR FATHER ENLISTED YOU... YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT WE WOULD HELP YOU TAKE OVER THE PLANET. I'M SURE EVE ACTUALLY CONSIDERED IT... BUT AFTER YOU KILLED REX...

SHE DIDN'T LOVE HIM LIKE SHE USED TO... BUT THE TWO OF THEM WERE VERY CLOSE.



HELL...

WE ALL WERE.



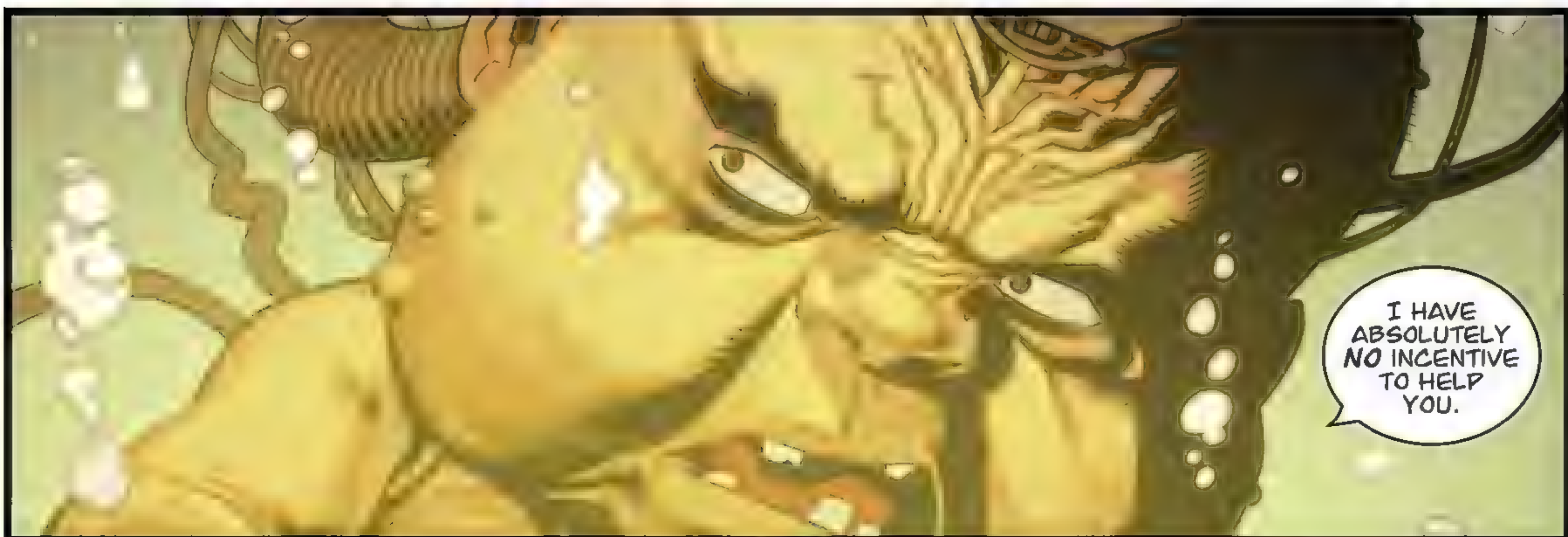
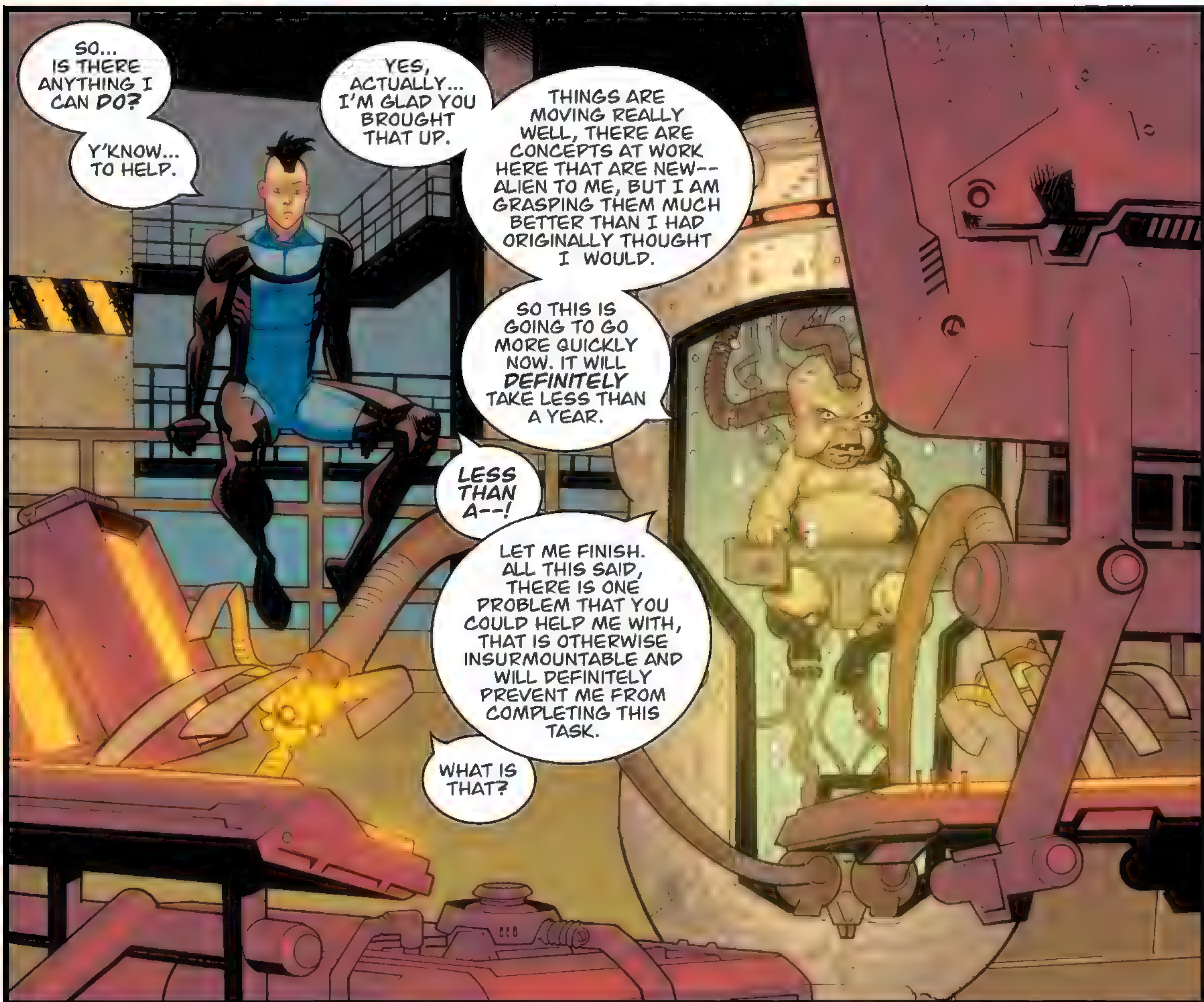
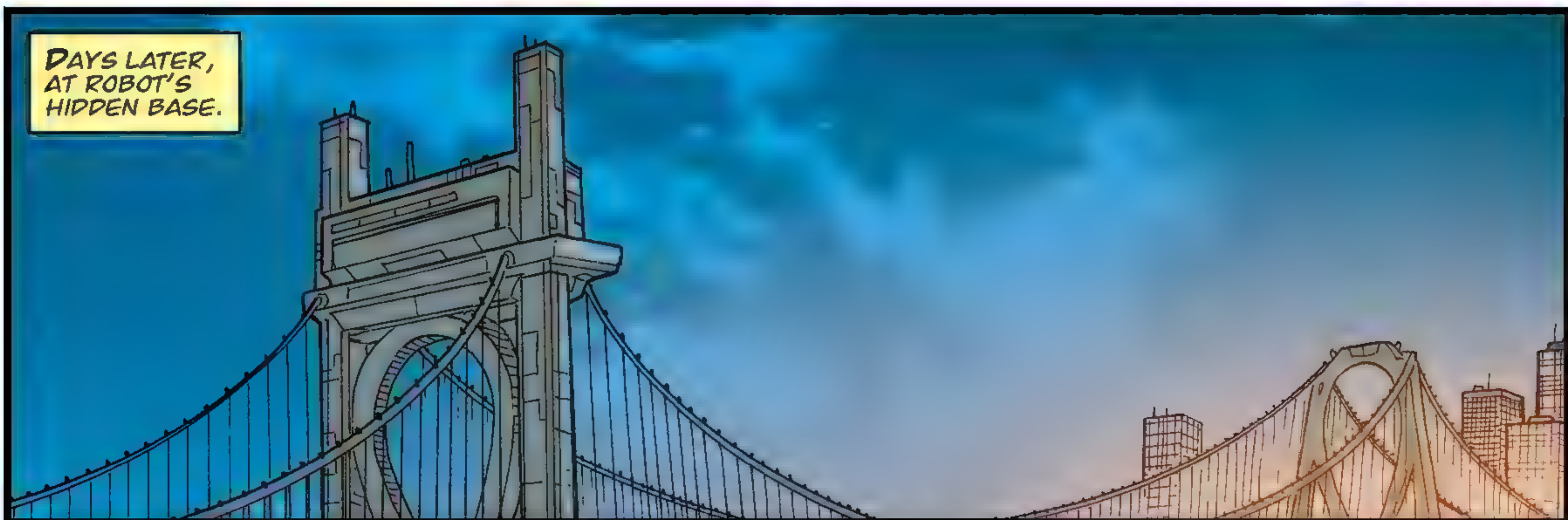
IT'S HARD... TALKING TO YOU LIKE THIS. SEEING YOU...

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT REALLY YOU.



I UNDERSTAND.







YOU MEAN OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT YOU'RE MY FRIEND AND I NEED HELP?

OR REALLY... WERE MY FRIEND. I NEED TO GET BACK HOME SO I CAN SORT THIS CRAP OUT.

WHATEVER RELATIONSHIP MY OTHERDIMENSIONAL COUNTERPART HAS OR HAD WITH YOU IS INCONSEQUENTIAL.

NOT ONLY DO I HAVE NO INCENTIVE TO COMPLETE THIS TASK, IT'S ACTUALLY IN MY BEST INTERESTS AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET FOR ME NOT TO DO SO.

I THINK I SEE WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH THIS.

THAT'S A TOUGH ONE.

SO YOU REALIZE THAT WE HAVE BEEN INVADED BY THE VILTRUM EMPIRE, AND YOU ARE CURRENTLY PASSING FOR THE EMPEROR OF SAID EMPIRE.

YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO ME. TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE ABILITY TO ESCAPE THIS DIMENSION COULD WELL MEAN THE DEATH OF MYSELF AND MANY OF MY ASSOCIATES, AND IT WOULD ALSO MEAN LOSING THE BEST OPPORTUNITY OF AVENGING THOSE ALREADY FALLEN.

THE ONLY SOLUTION I CAN CONCEIVE OF IS THAT YOU OVERTHROW THE VILTRUM EMPIRE FROM WITHIN, CAUSING THEM TO LEAVE THIS PLANET.

I ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE ME AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE THIS DEVICE. DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD ACCOMPLISH WHAT I REQUIRE OF YOU IN THAT TIME?

PROBABLY NOT... BUT I THINK I HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

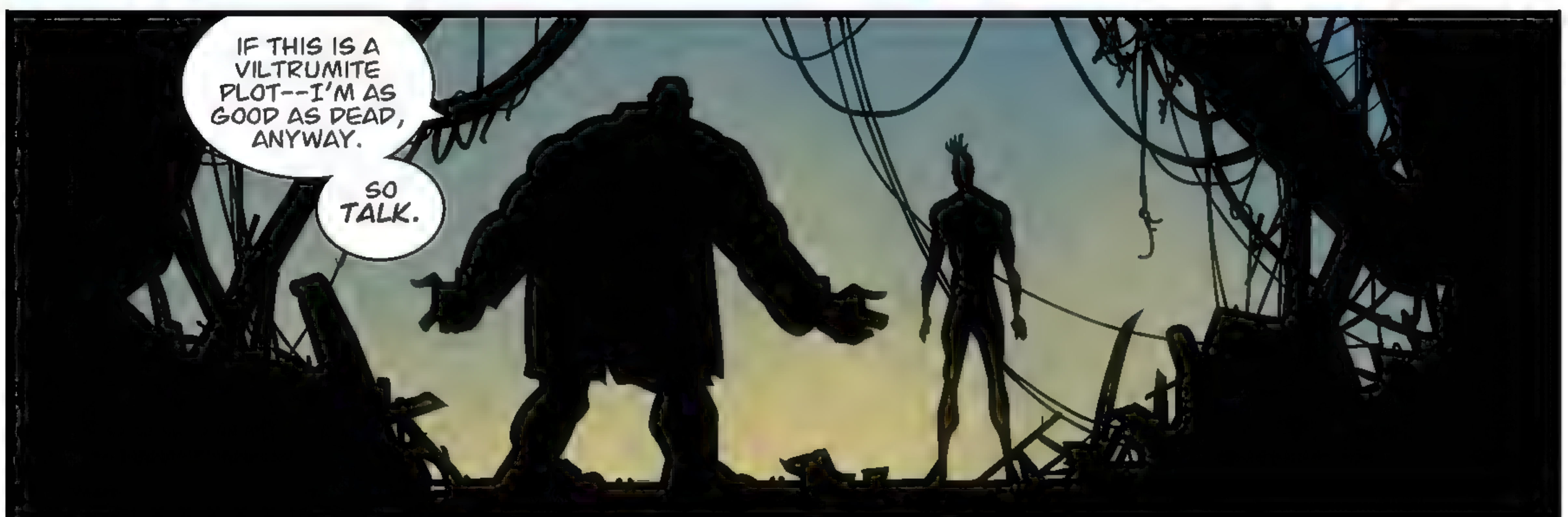
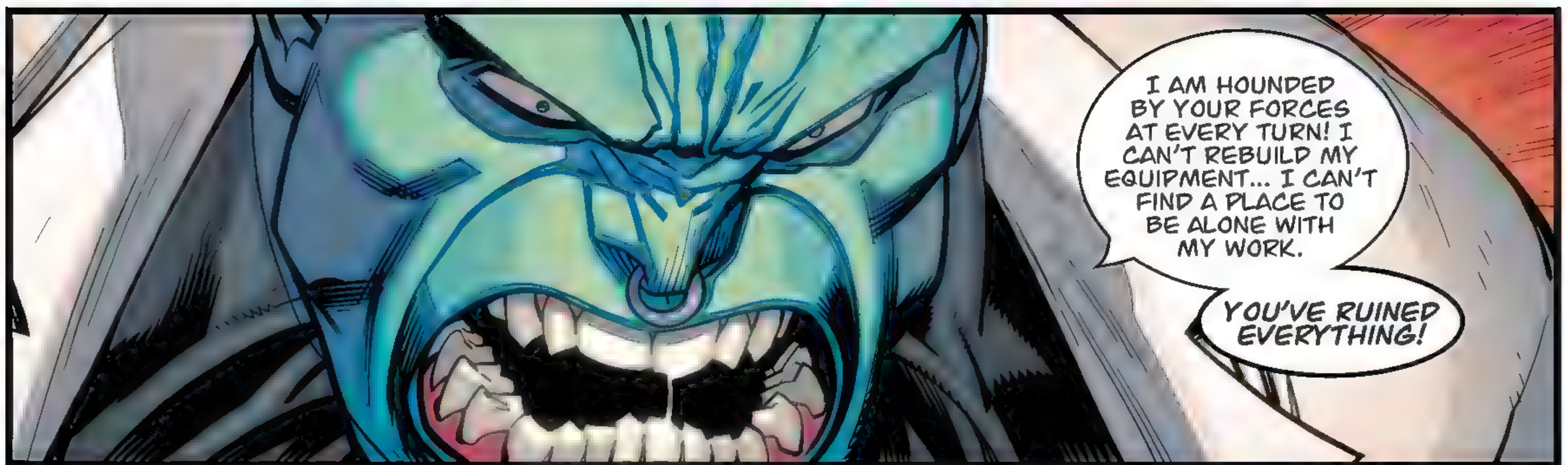
DO YOU HAVE MAULER TWINS IN THIS DIMENSION?



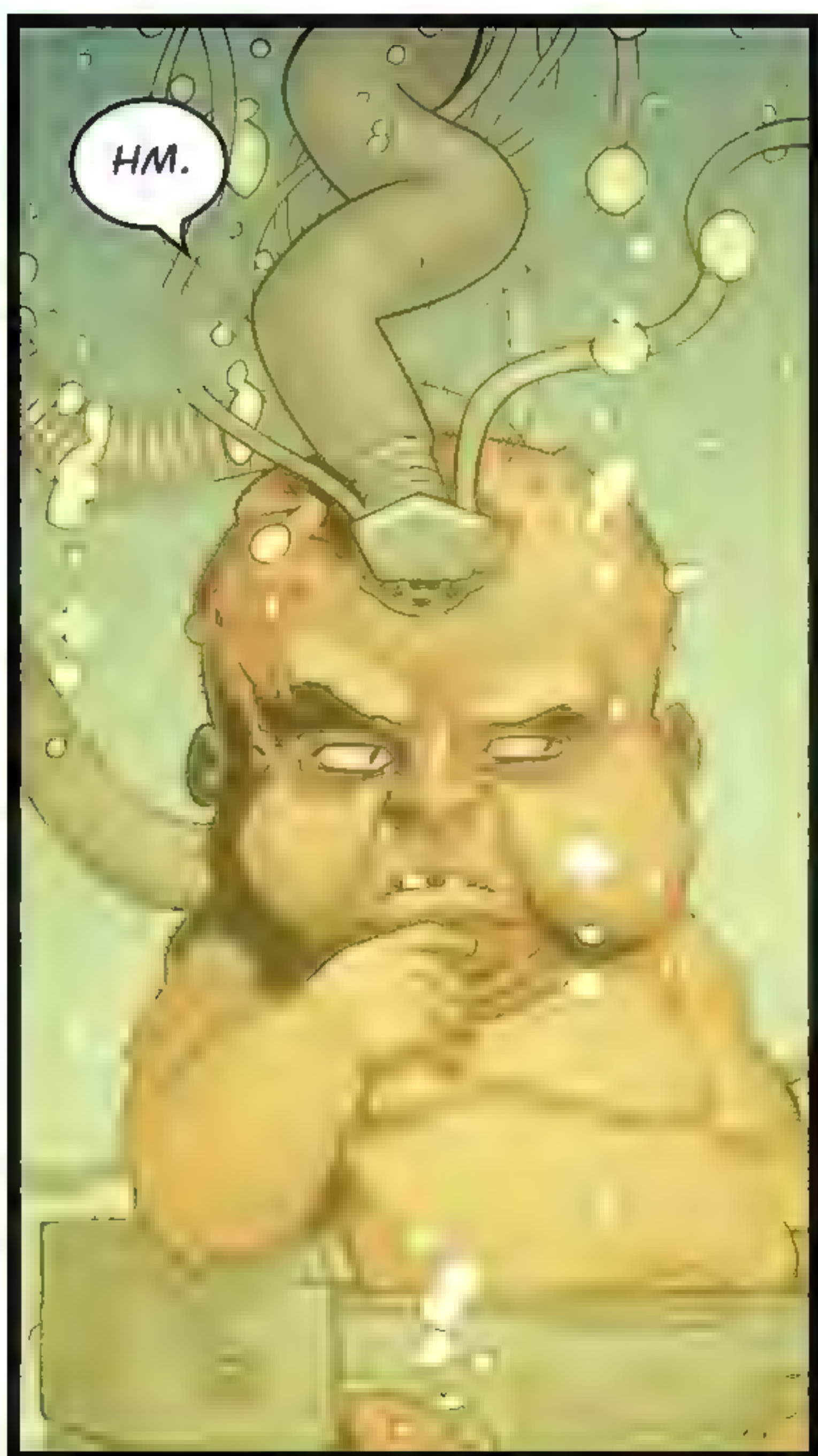
I SWEAR  
I JUST  
WANT TO  
TALK!

BRONK  
OOOM!!!

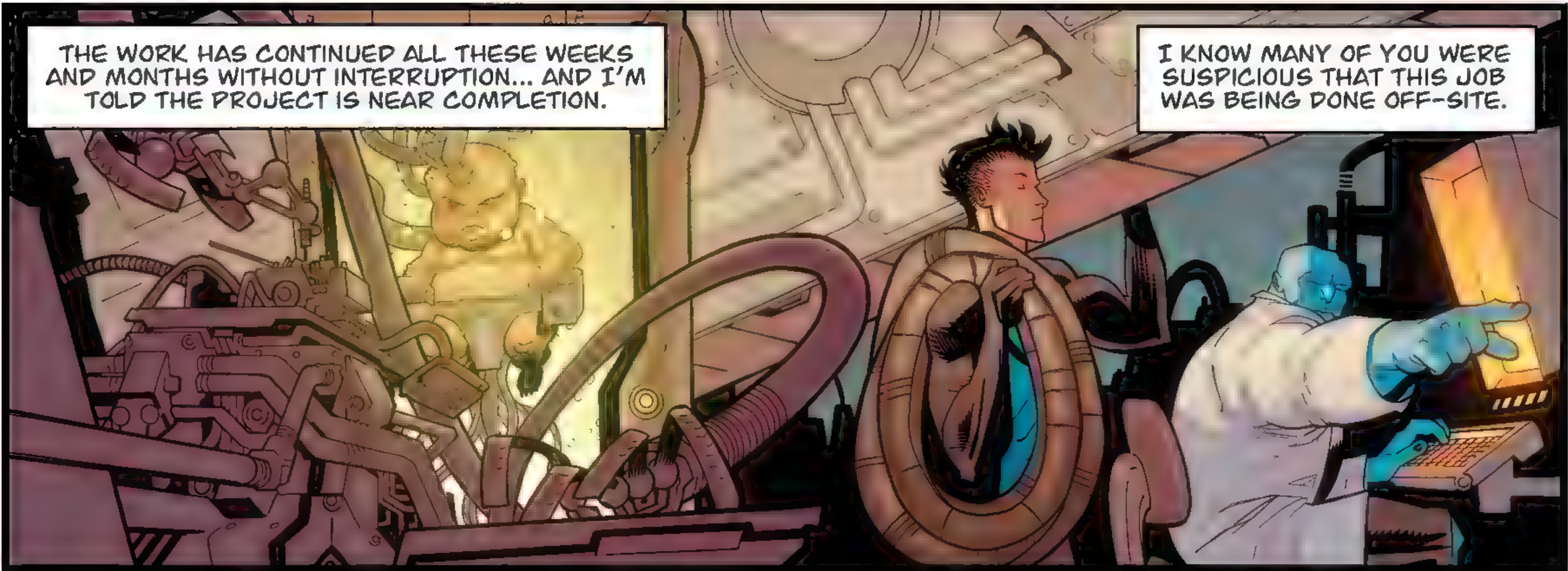






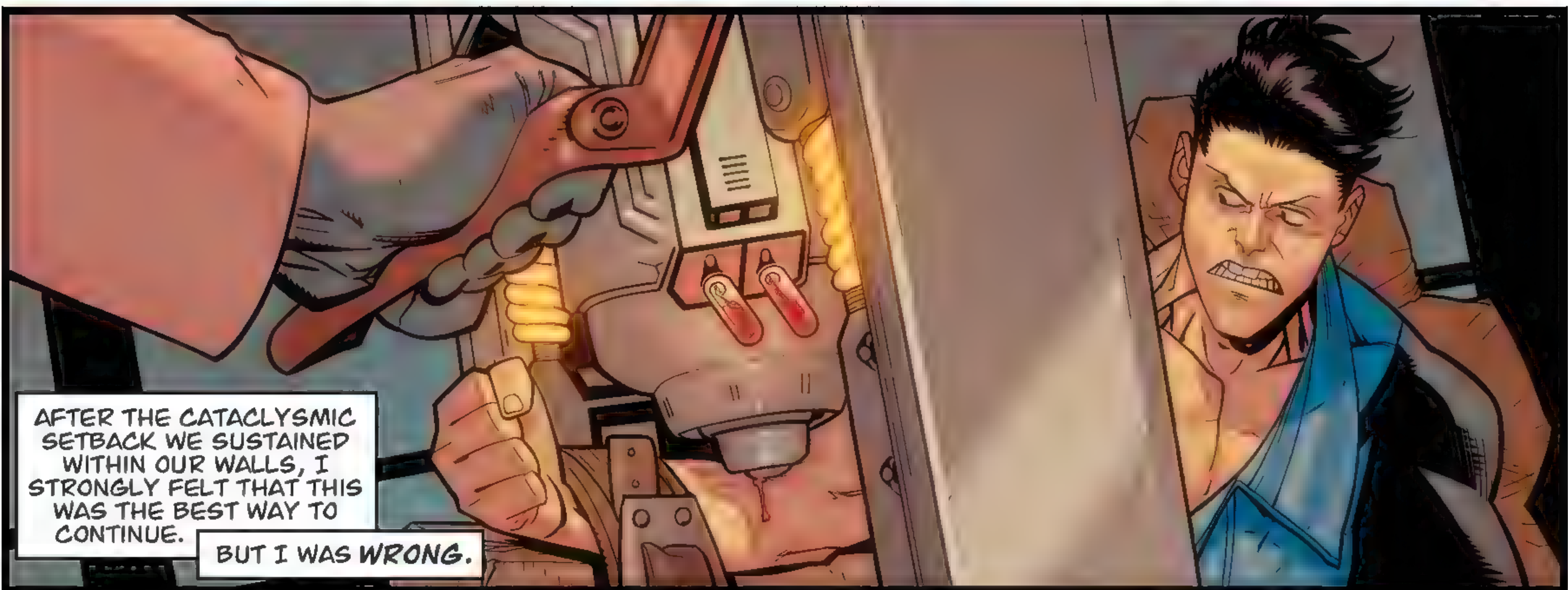






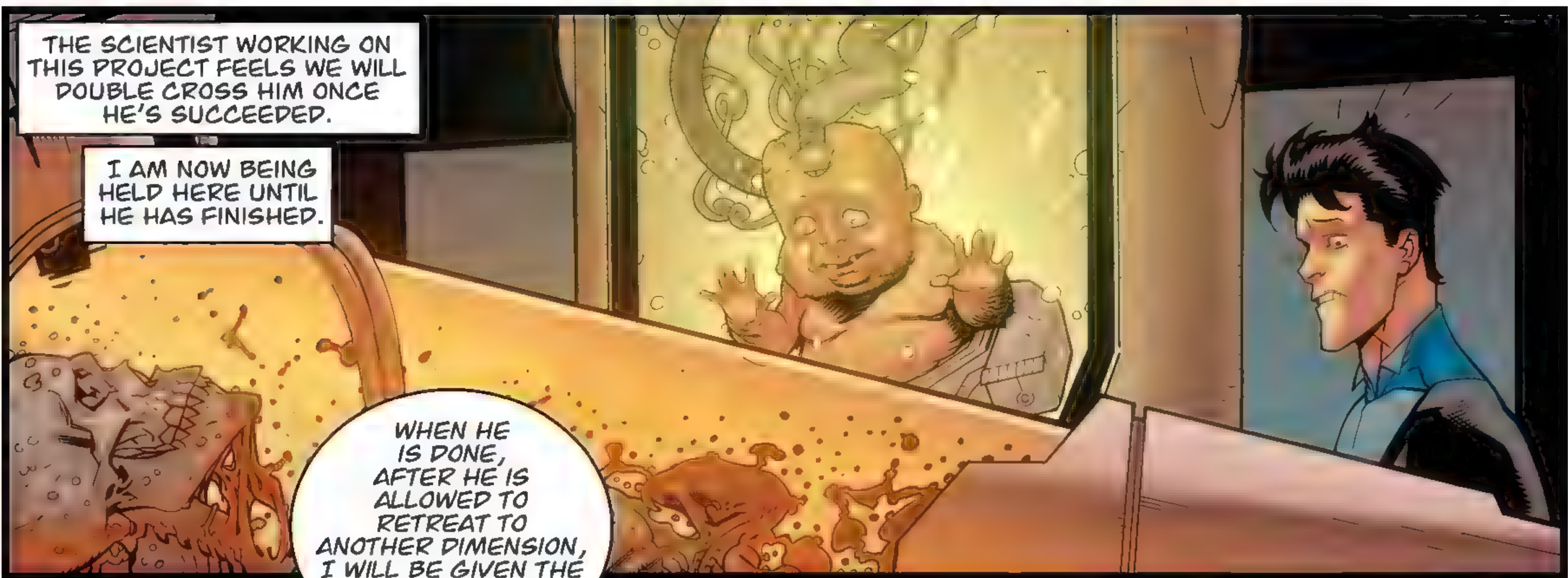
THE WORK HAS CONTINUED ALL THESE WEEKS AND MONTHS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION... AND I'M TOLD THE PROJECT IS NEAR COMPLETION.

I KNOW MANY OF YOU WERE SUSPICIOUS THAT THIS JOB WAS BEING DONE OFF-SITE.



AFTER THE CATAclysmic SETBACK WE SUSTAINED WITHIN OUR WALLS, I STRONGLY FELT THAT THIS WAS THE BEST WAY TO CONTINUE.

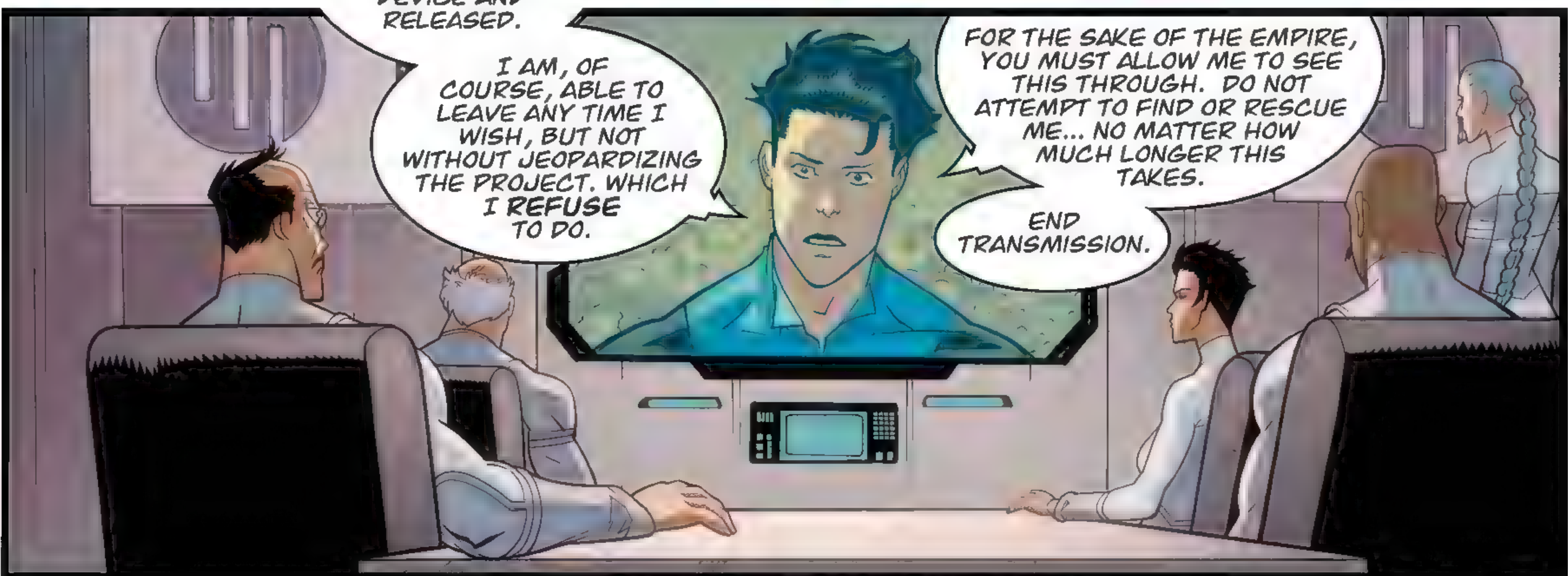
BUT I WAS **WRONG**.



THE SCIENTIST WORKING ON THIS PROJECT FEELS WE WILL DOUBLE CROSS HIM ONCE HE'S SUCCEEDED.

I AM NOW BEING HELD HERE UNTIL HE HAS FINISHED.

WHEN HE IS DONE, AFTER HE IS ALLOWED TO RETREAT TO ANOTHER DIMENSION, I WILL BE GIVEN THE DEVICE AND RELEASED.



I AM, OF COURSE, ABLE TO LEAVE ANY TIME I WISH, BUT NOT WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING THE PROJECT. WHICH I REFUSE TO DO.

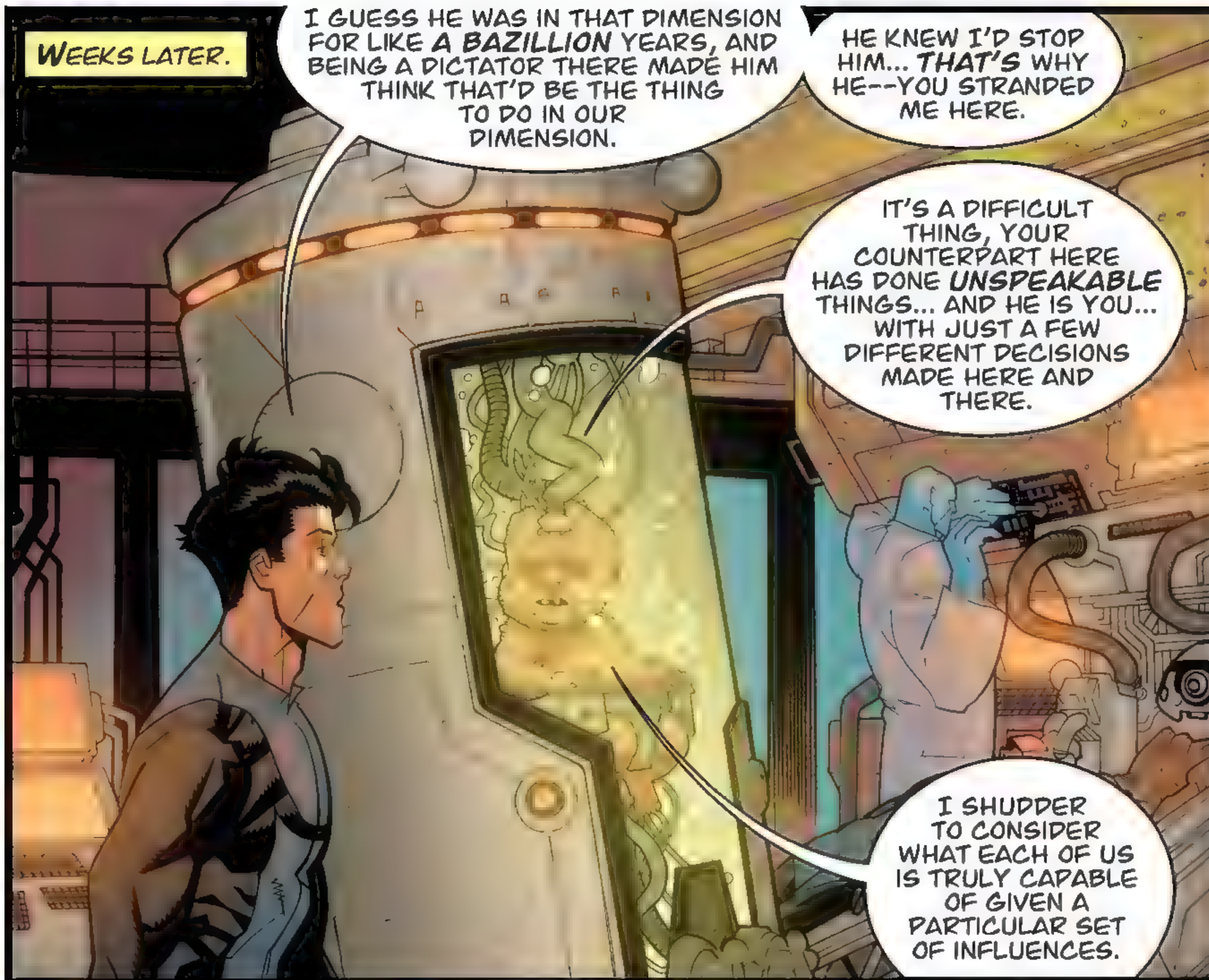
FOR THE SAKE OF THE EMPIRE, YOU MUST ALLOW ME TO SEE THIS THROUGH. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIND OR RESCUE ME... NO MATTER HOW MUCH LONGER THIS TAKES.

END TRANSMISSION.









WEEKS LATER.

I GUESS HE WAS IN THAT DIMENSION FOR LIKE A BAZILLION YEARS, AND BEING A DICTATOR THERE MADE HIM THINK THAT'D BE THE THING TO DO IN OUR DIMENSION.

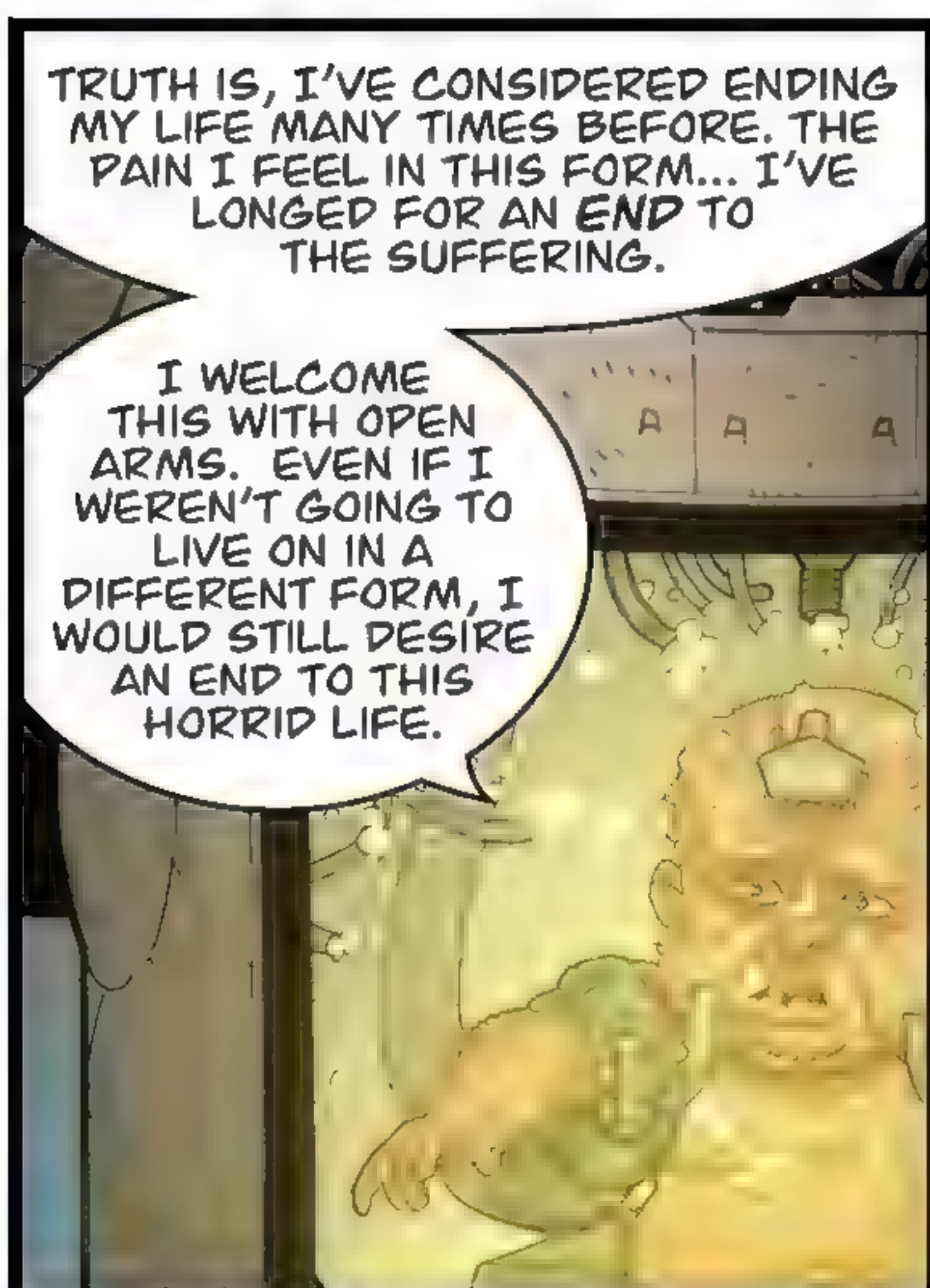
HE KNEW I'D STOP HIM... *THAT'S* WHY HE--YOU STRANDED ME HERE.

IT'S A DIFFICULT THING, YOUR COUNTERPART HERE HAS DONE *UNSPEAKABLE* THINGS... AND HE IS YOU... WITH JUST A FEW DIFFERENT DECISIONS MADE HERE AND THERE.

I SHUDDER TO CONSIDER WHAT EACH OF US IS TRULY CAPABLE OF GIVEN A PARTICULAR SET OF INFLUENCES.



ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?



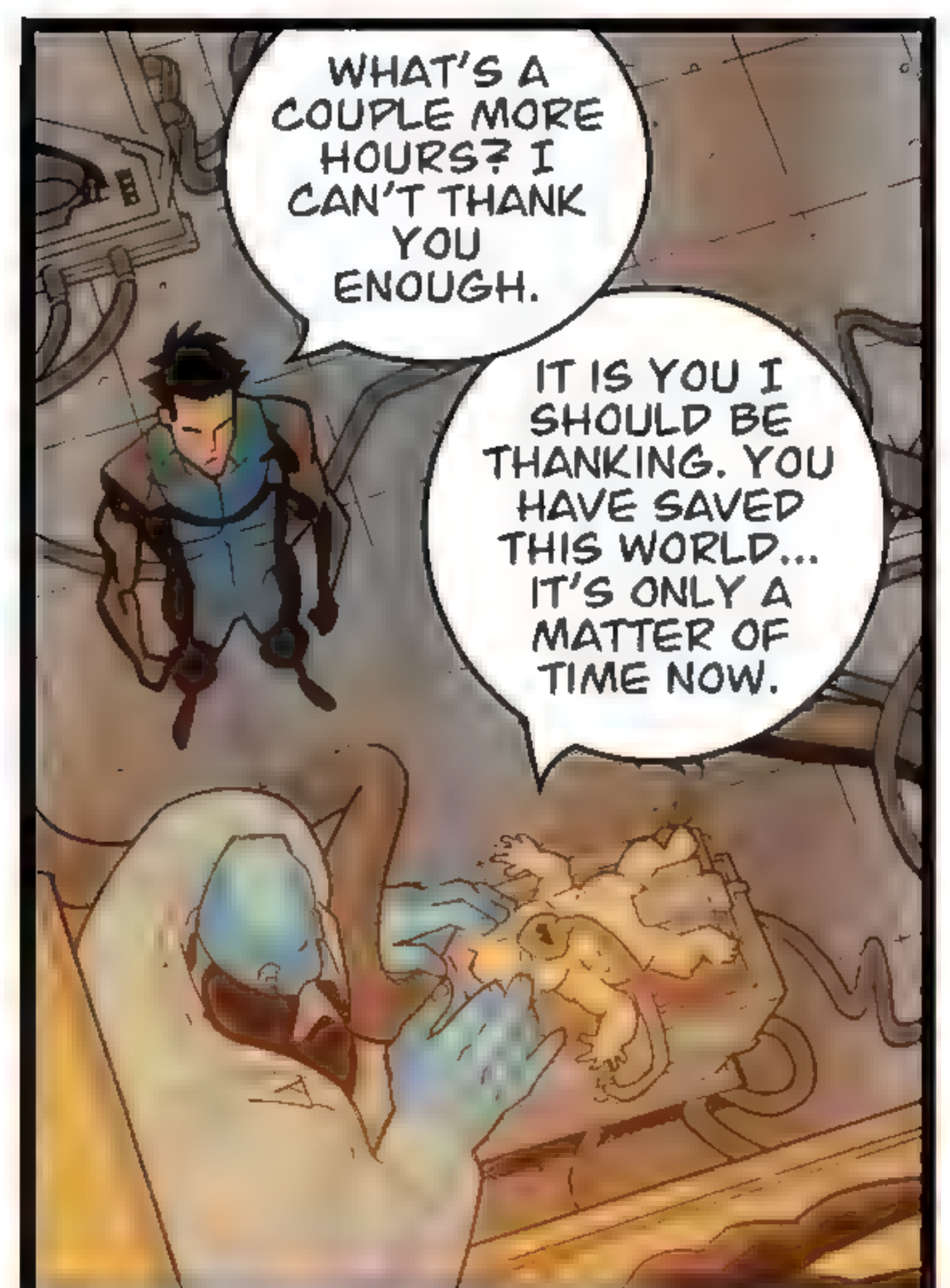
TRUTH IS, I'VE CONSIDERED ENDING MY LIFE MANY TIMES BEFORE. THE PAIN I FEEL IN THIS FORM... I'VE LONGED FOR AN END TO THE SUFFERING.

I WELCOME THIS WITH OPEN ARMS. EVEN IF I WEREN'T GOING TO LIVE ON IN A DIFFERENT FORM, I WOULD STILL DESIRE AN END TO THIS HORRID LIFE.



ALL SET, THEN.

YOUR DEVICE IS COMPLETE. THANK YOU FOR STAYING AND HELPING WITH THIS PROCESS.



WHAT'S A COUPLE MORE HOURS? I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.

IT IS YOU I SHOULD BE THANKING. YOU HAVE SAVED THIS WORLD... IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME NOW.

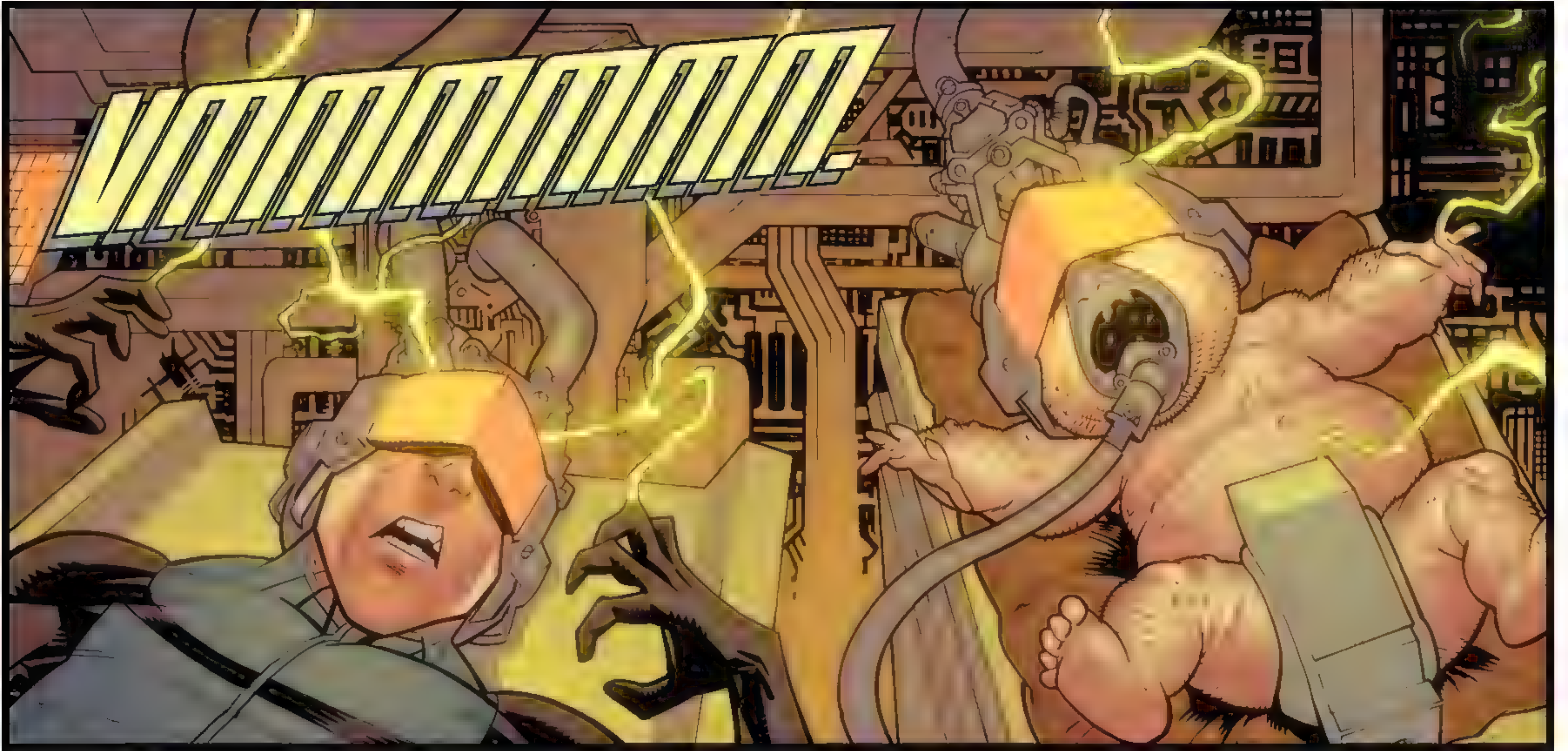


ALL SET. BEGINNING THE TRANSFERENCE.



AAAAND THERE'S ANOTHER VERSION OF ME ON THIS TABLE IN FRONT OF ME. SOMETHING ON A LONG LIST OF THINGS IN MY LIFE THAT I WILL NEVER GET USED TO.





IT'S AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE AMOUNT OF DATA BEING TRANSFERRED... STILL, THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES.



I'LL WAIT.

THANKS FOR DOING THIS. I'M SHOCKED THE VILTRUMITES ACTUALLY LISTENED TO ME AND NEVER TRIED TO--

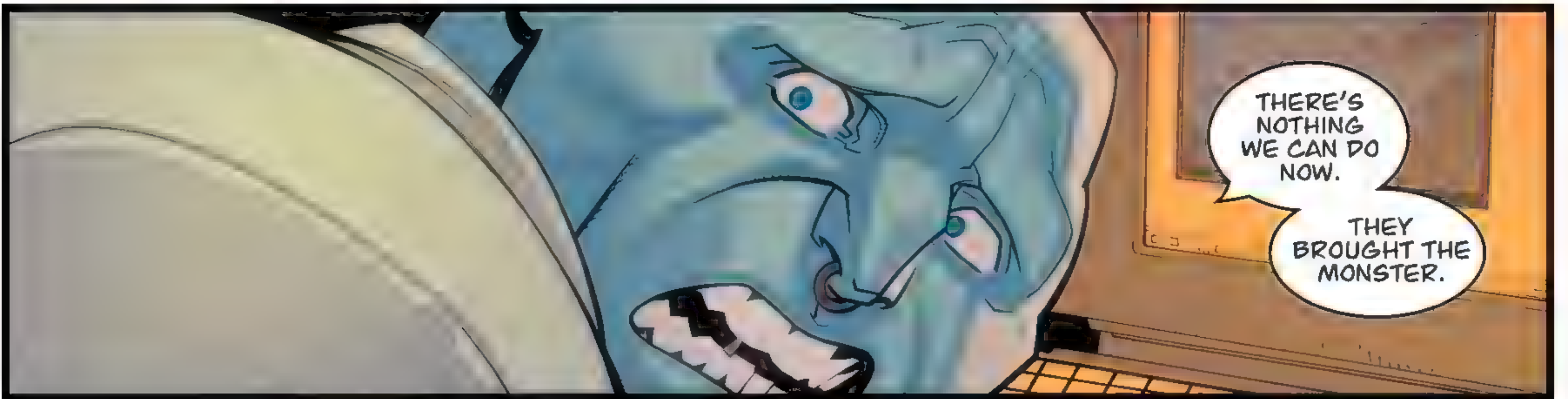


PROXIMITY ALARM. IT'S THEM.



NO! IT'S TOO SOON! THIS PLAN WON'T WORK IF THEY ATTACK BEFORE WE'RE READY! I CAN'T BE HERE IF THEY BREAK THEIR WAY IN--BUT I CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE TO DIE!

YOU'VE GOT TO ATTACK THEM--STALL THEM SO THIS CAN WORK. CAN YOU BUY US SOME TIME? MAYBE IF I WEAR ONE OF THE ROBOT SUITS--



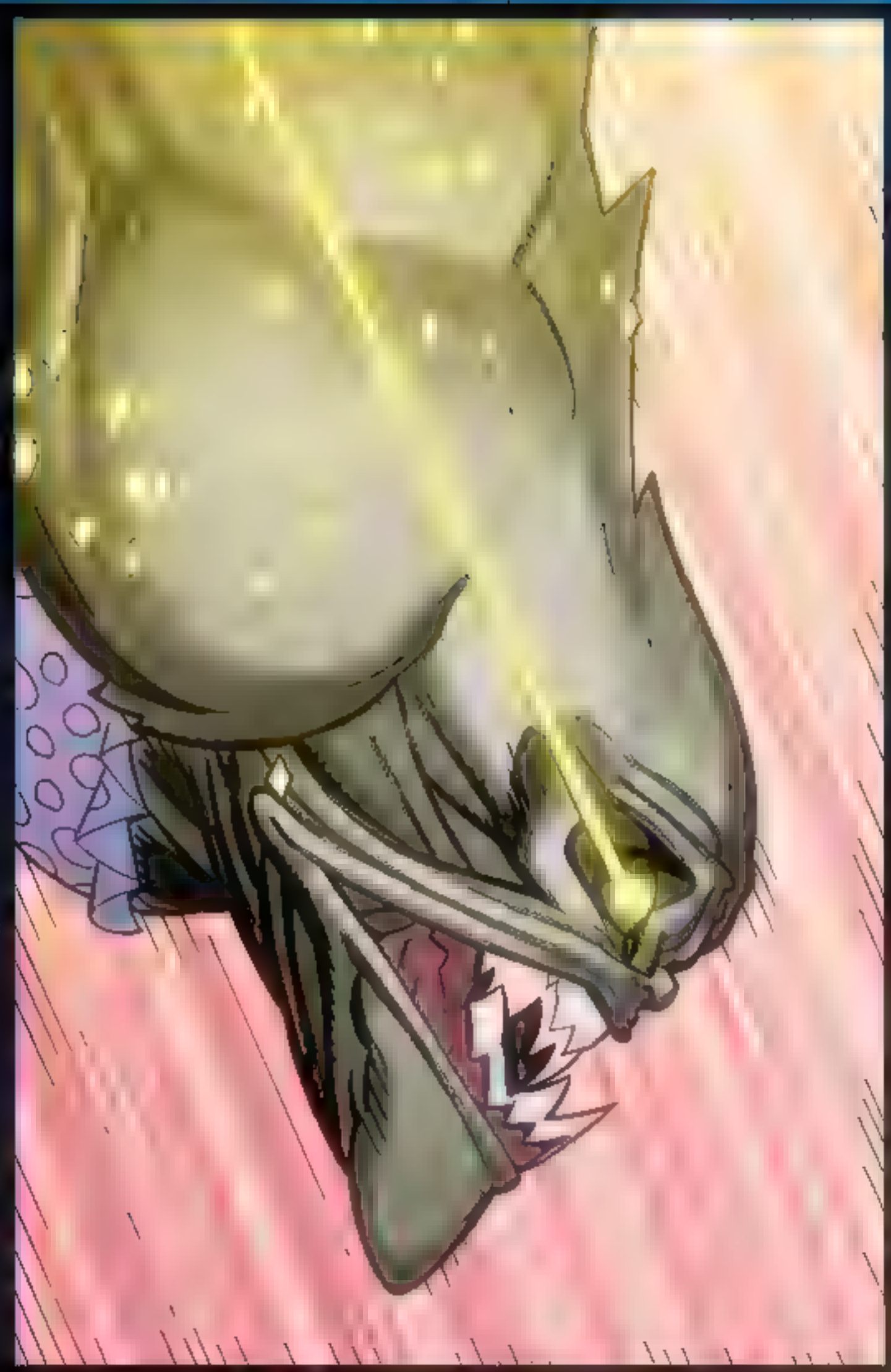
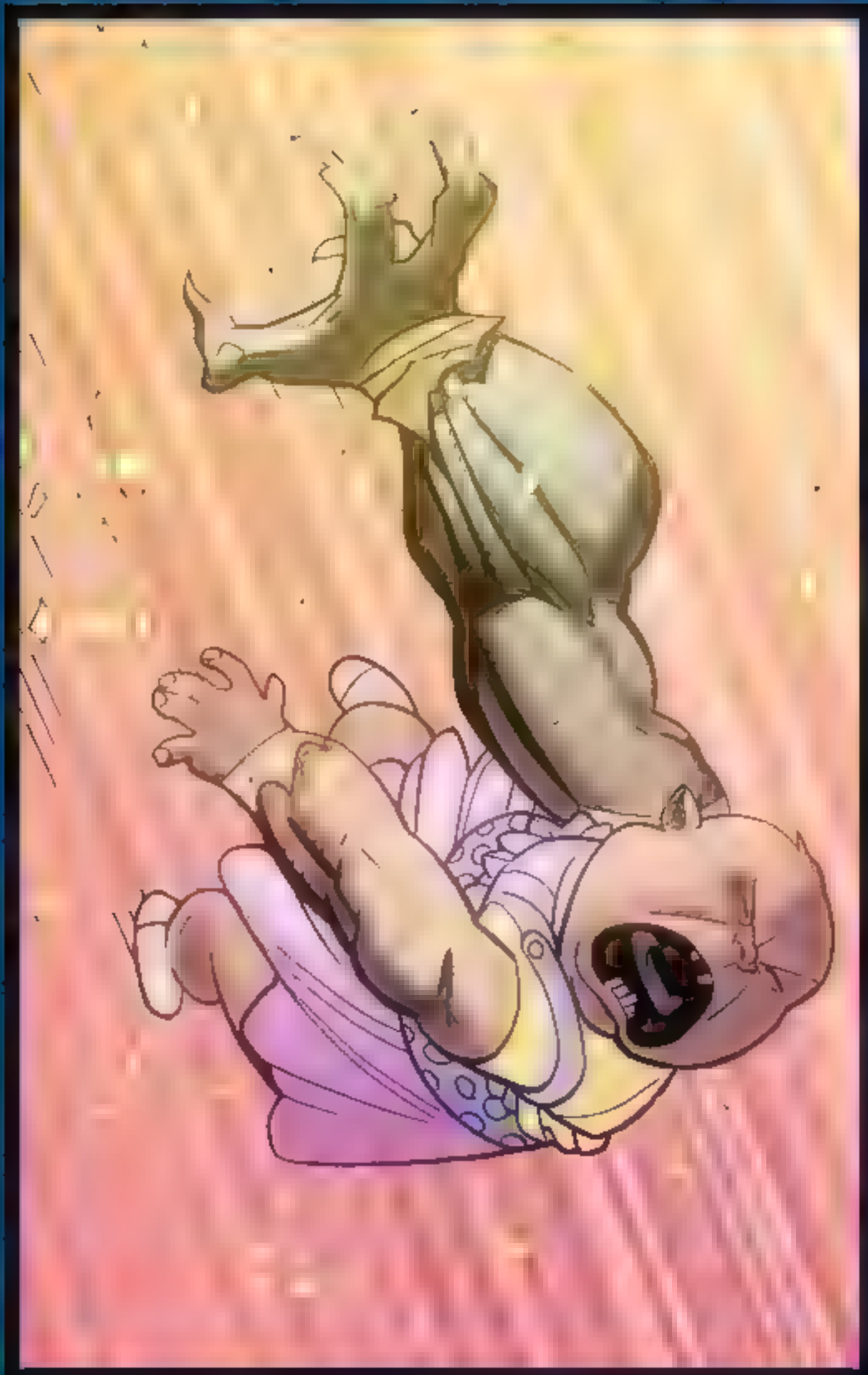
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW.

THEY BROUGHT THE MONSTER.









RRRUUMMMBLE!

OH, GOD--  
HOW MUCH  
MORE  
TIME?!

IT'S DONE!  
THE PROCESS IS  
COMPLETE!

GO!





IT WORKED!  
I'M IN THIS  
BODY!

GO NOW--  
WHILE  
YOU STILL  
CAN!

**KROOM!**



**RUMMMMMBLE!**

BE STERN  
WITH THEM  
AND THEY'LL  
THINK YOU'RE  
ME!

GOOD  
LUCK!

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
US!



I TOLD YOU NOT TO ATTEMPT  
A RESCUE! THE PROJECT IS  
LOST, BUT I FEAR THEY NEVER  
INTENDED TO COMPLETE IT. I  
WAS BLINDED BY MY  
AMBITION FOR THE  
EMPIRE.

NOW THERE IS  
MUCH TO BE DONE...  
BUT IT DOESN'T  
INVOLVE SO MANY  
PEOPLE LOSING  
THEIR LIVES--  
**THE MONSTER  
MUST BE  
STOPPED!**

THIS IS  
THE DAWN  
OF A NEW  
VILTRUM  
EMPIRE!



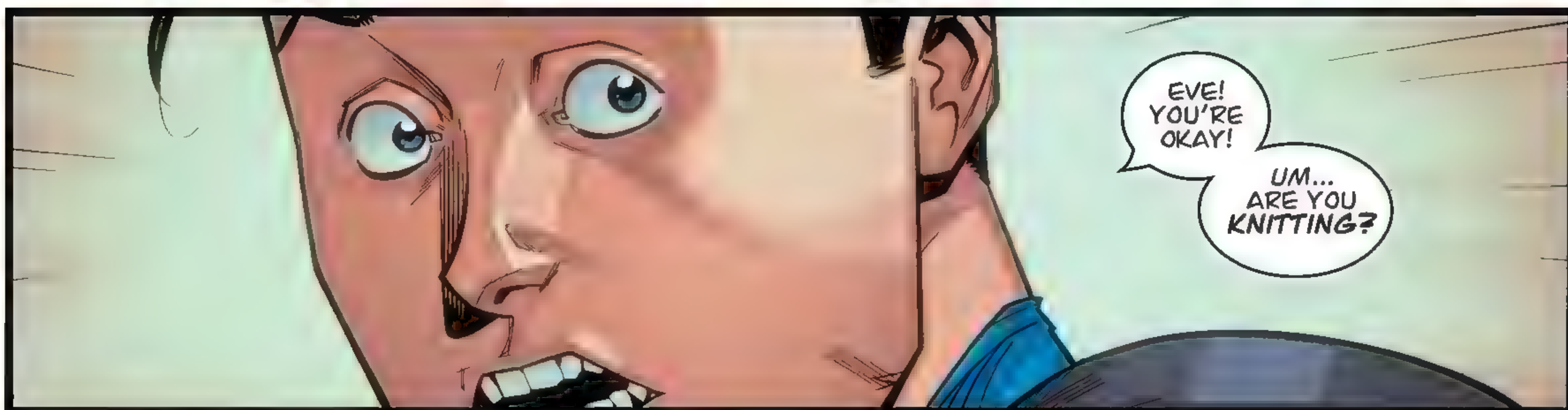
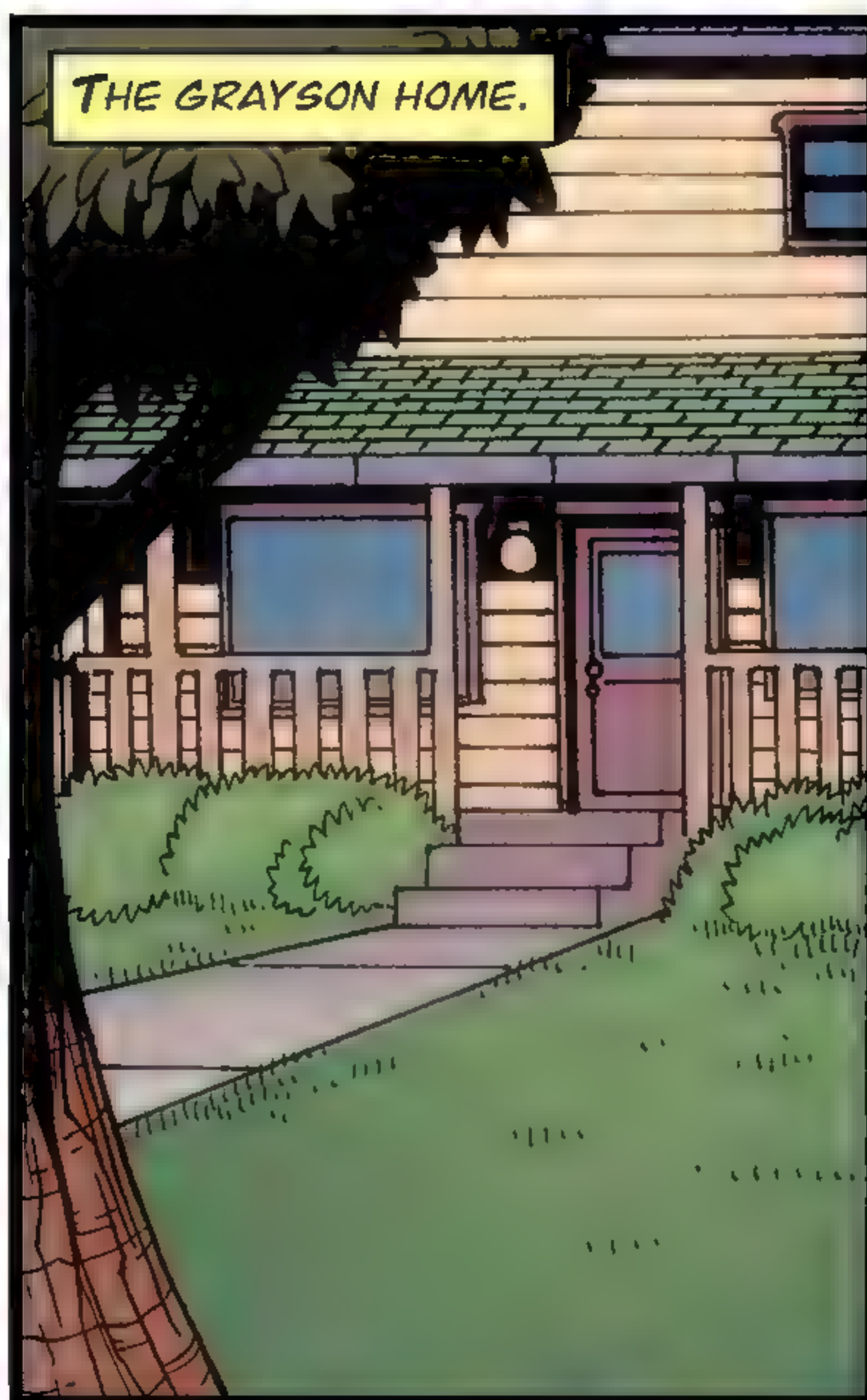




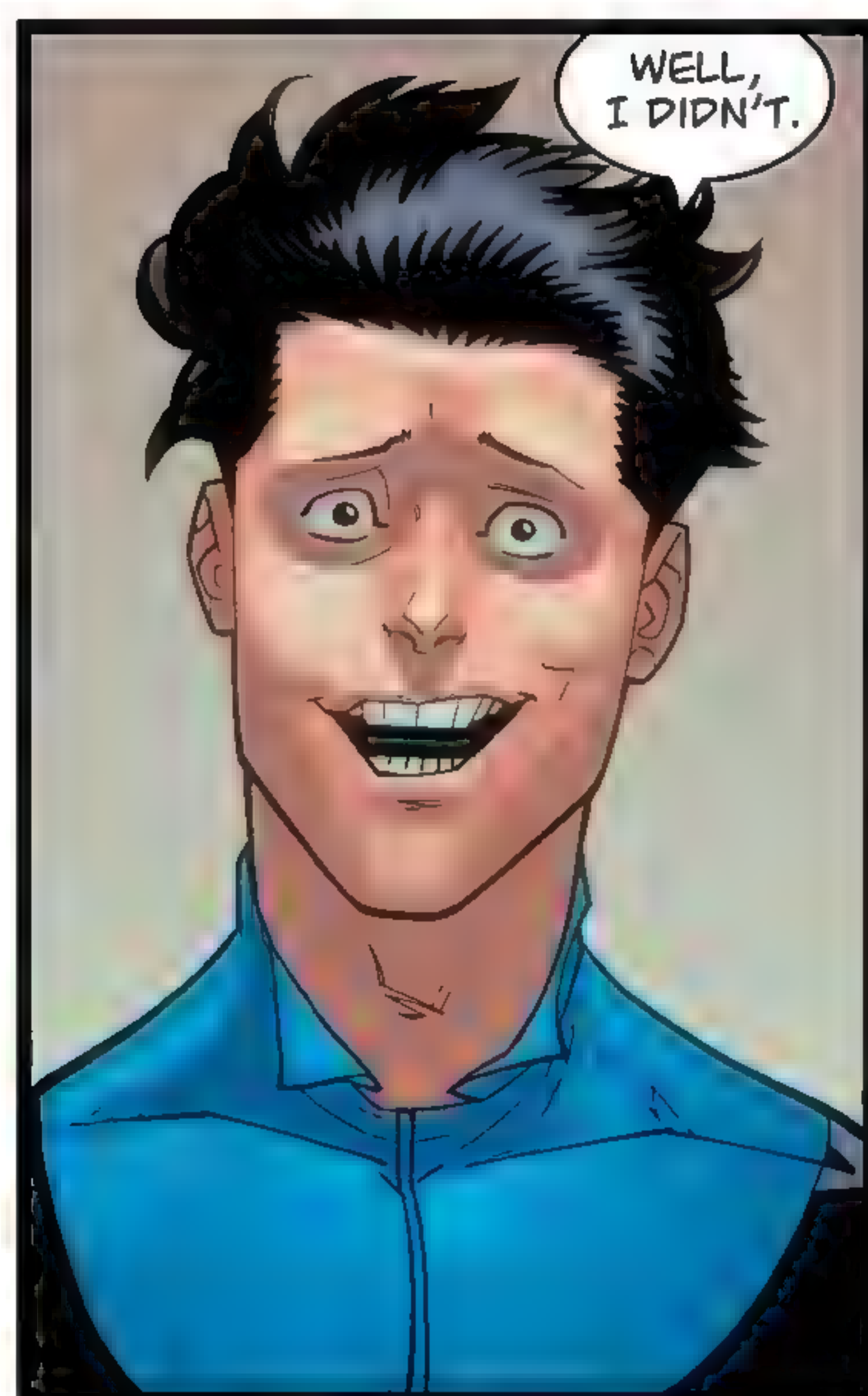
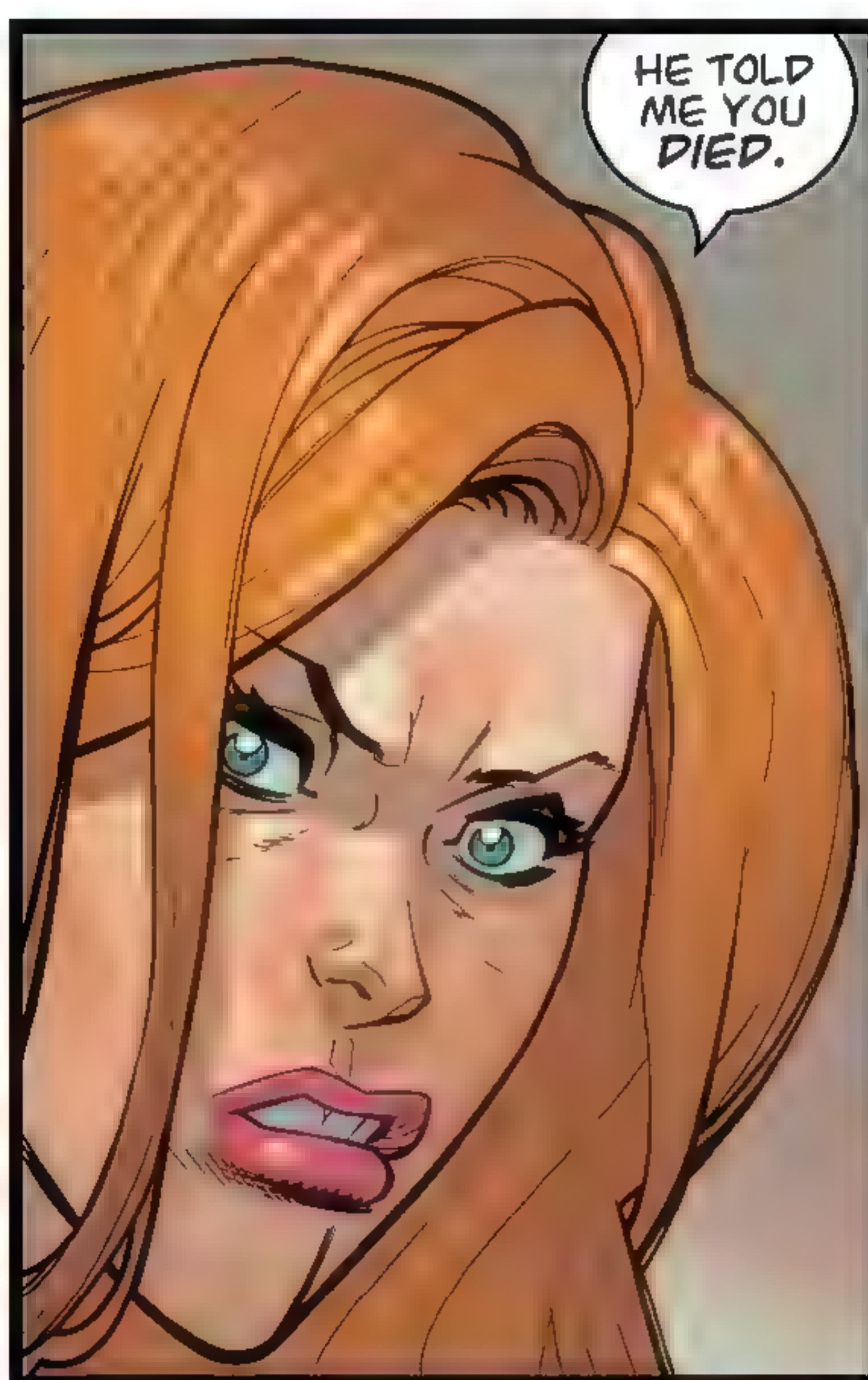
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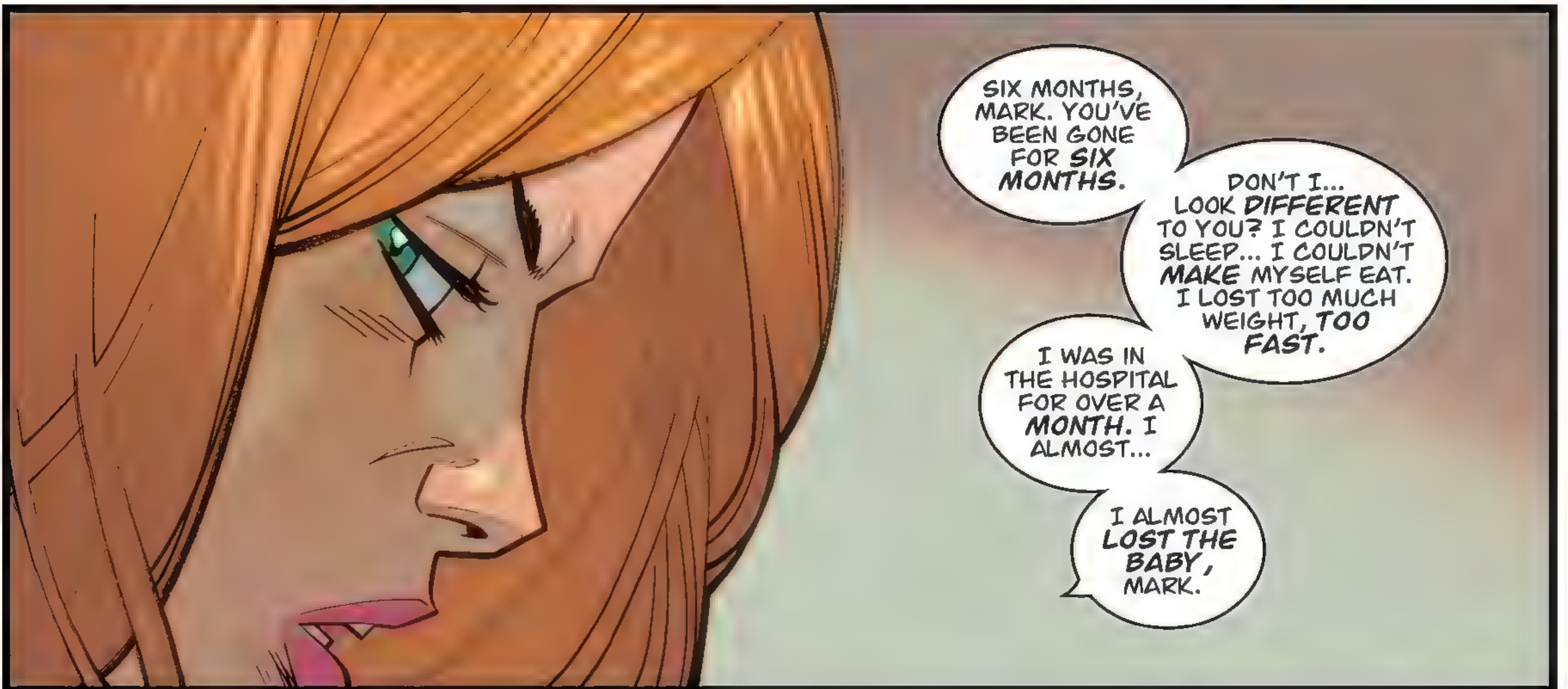
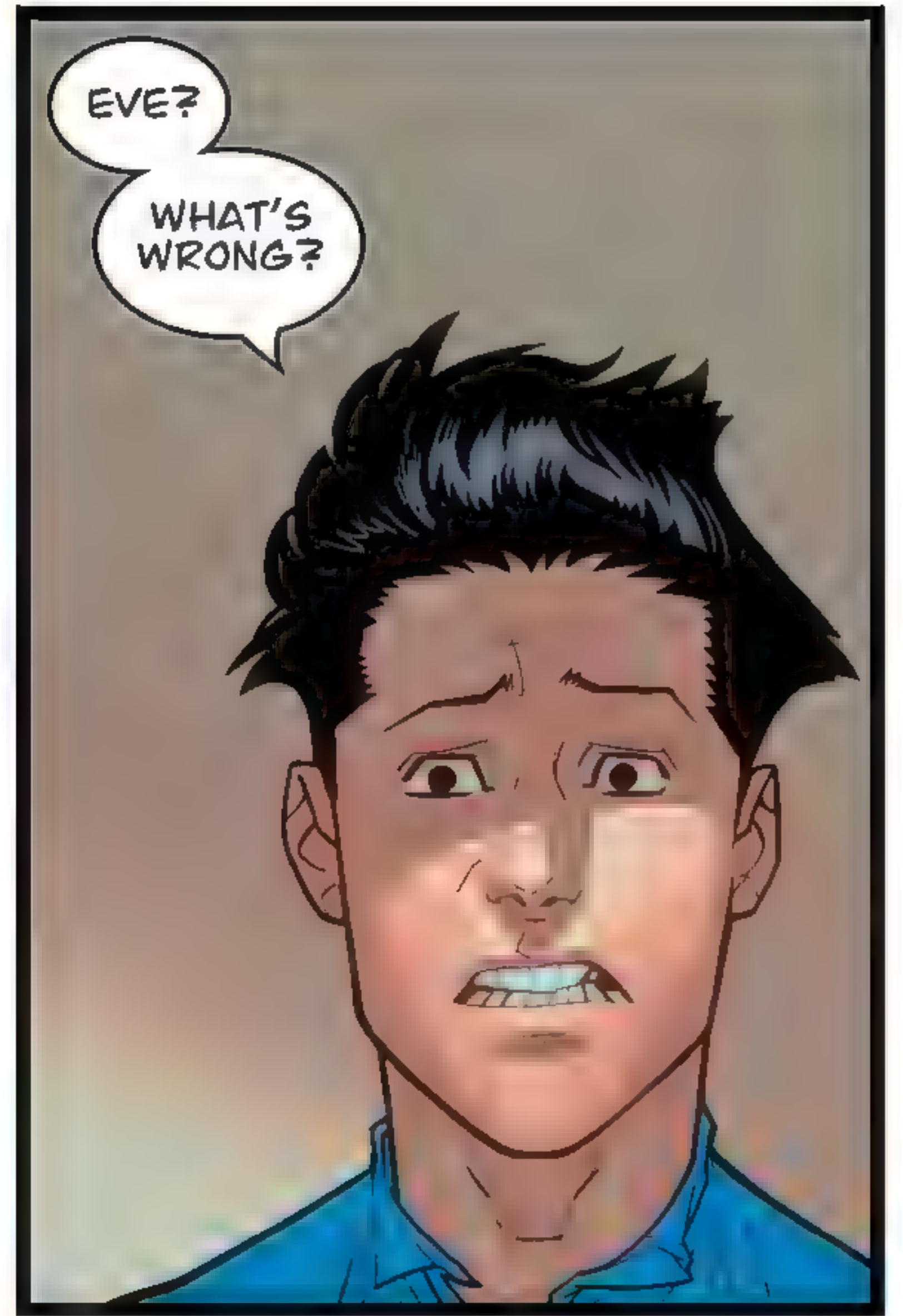
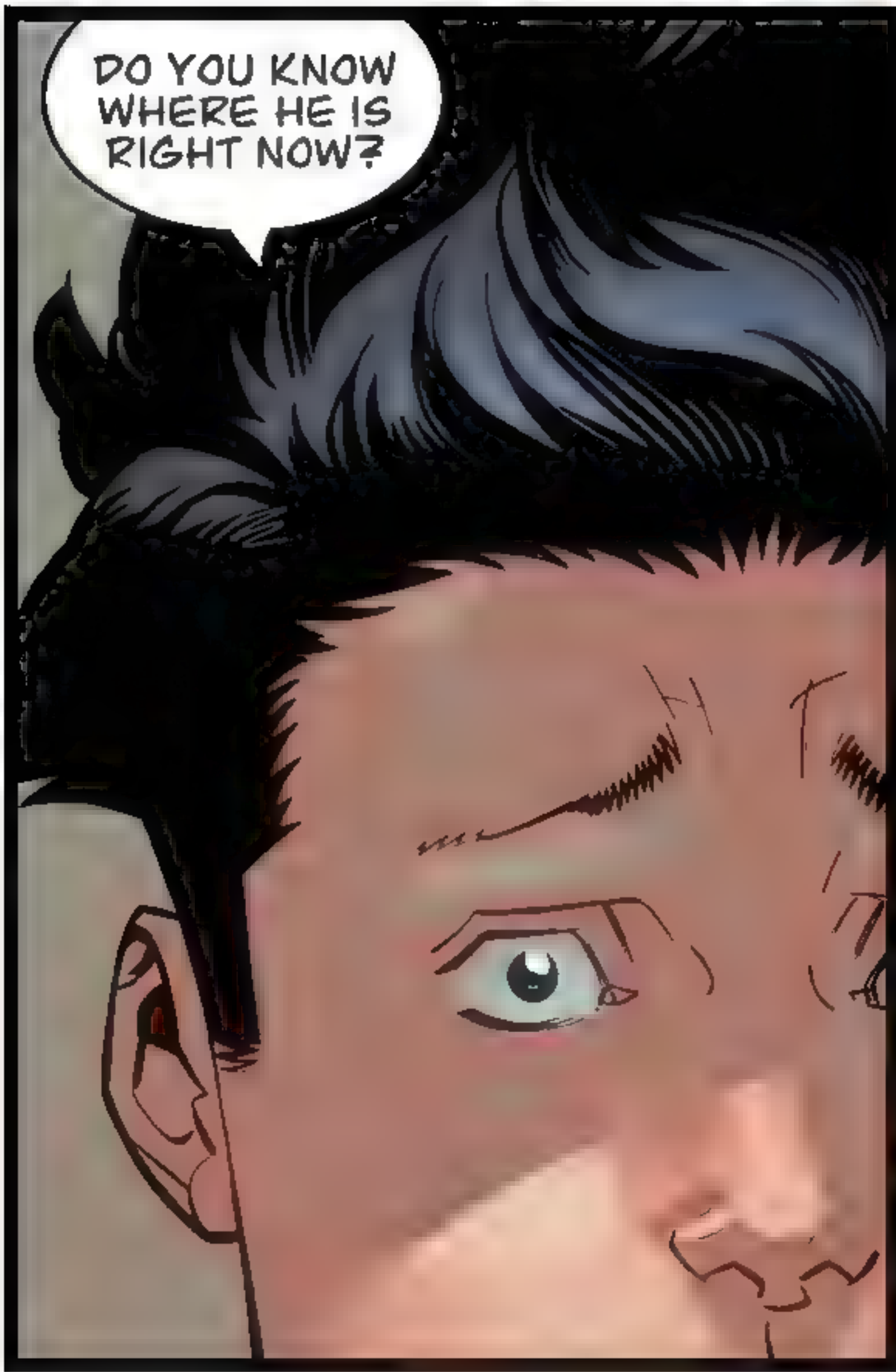










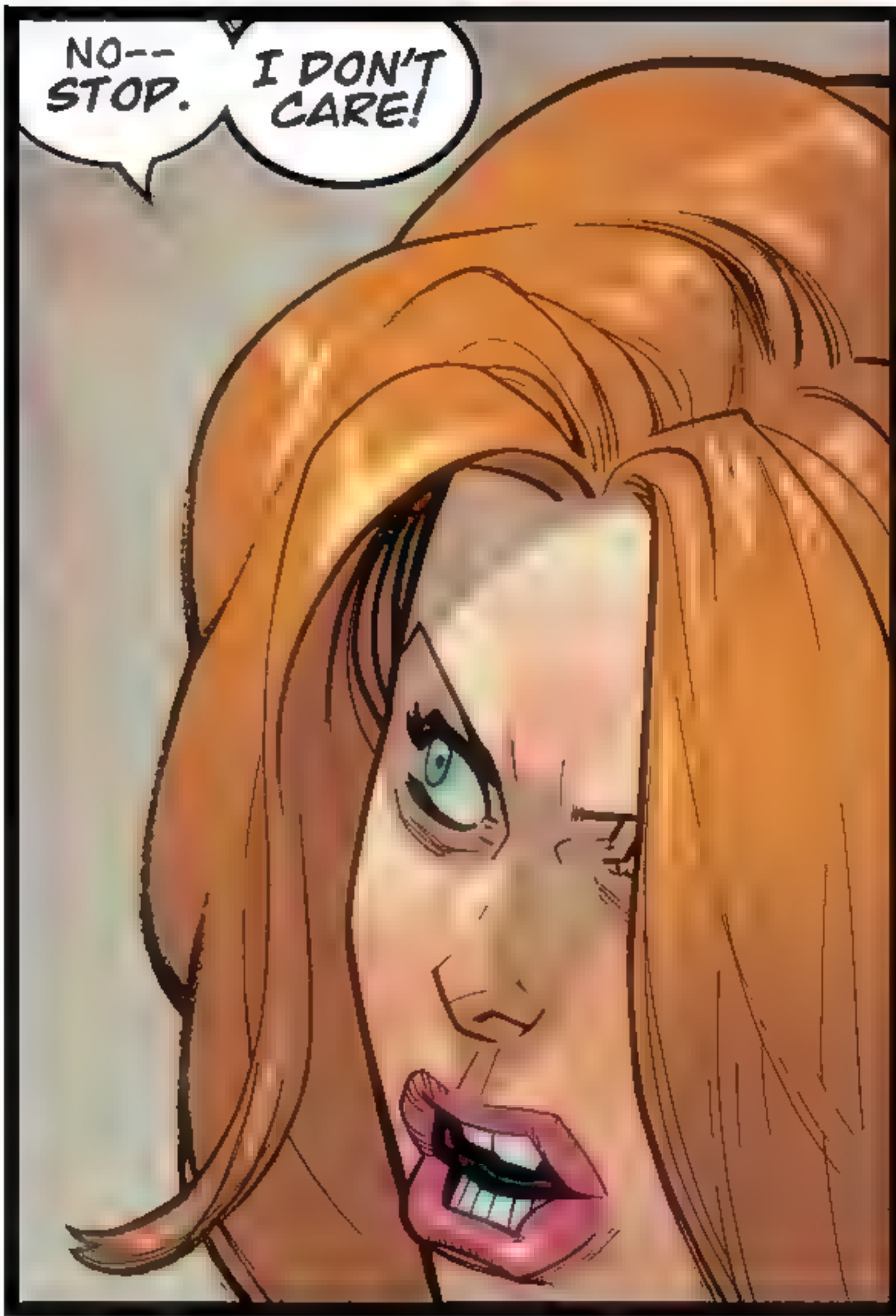






THAT'S NOT TRUE... NONE OF IT.

YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME--

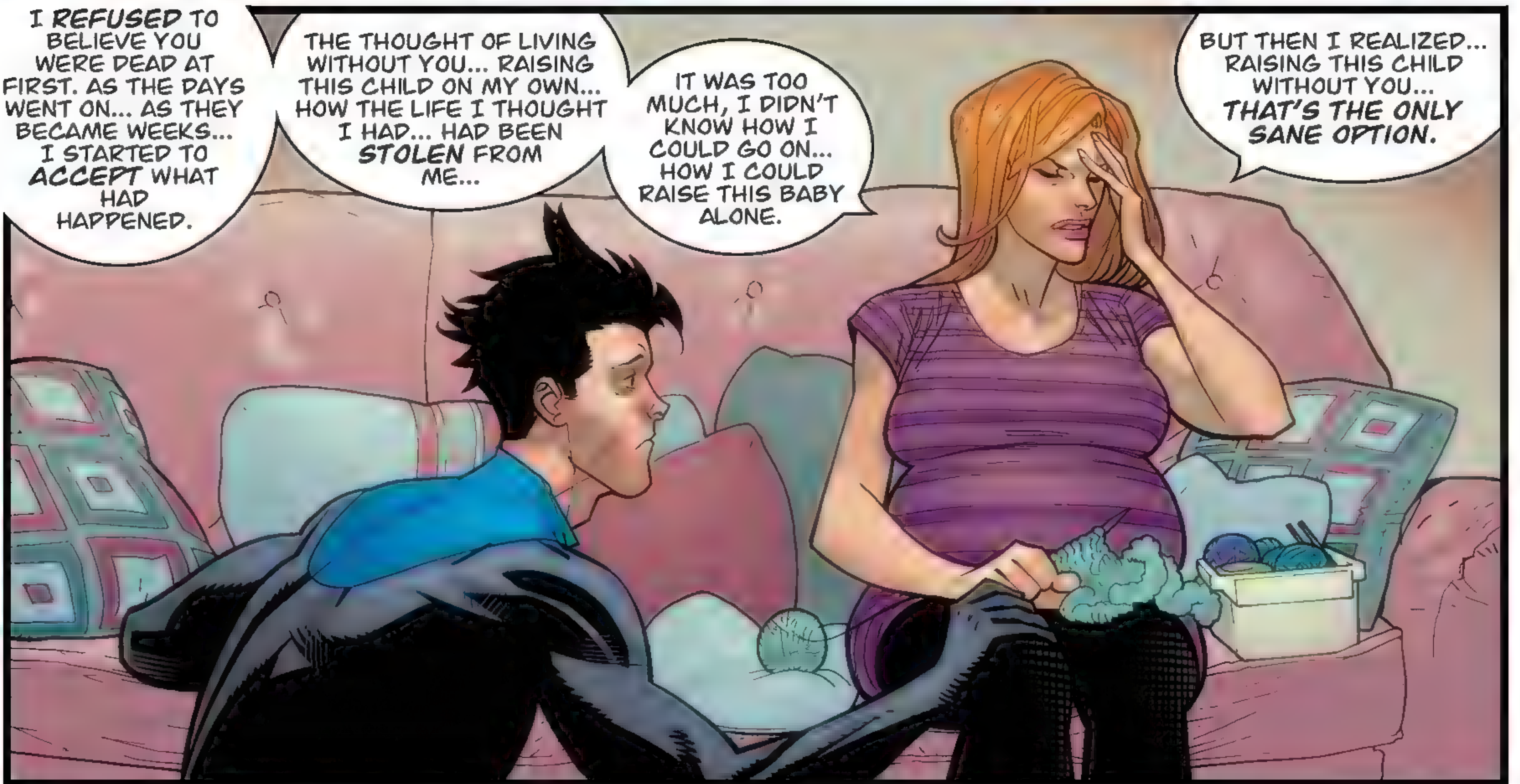


NO-- STOP.

I DON'T CARE!



EVE, PLEASE.



I REFUSED TO BELIEVE YOU WERE DEAD AT FIRST. AS THE DAYS WENT ON... AS THEY BECAME WEEKS... I STARTED TO ACCEPT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

THE THOUGHT OF LIVING WITHOUT YOU... RAISING THIS CHILD ON MY OWN... HOW THE LIFE I THOUGHT I HAD... HAD BEEN **STOLEN** FROM ME...

IT WAS TOO MUCH, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I COULD GO ON... HOW I COULD RAISE THIS BABY ALONE.

BUT THEN I REALIZED... RAISING THIS CHILD WITHOUT YOU... **THAT'S THE ONLY SANE OPTION.**



EVE... YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR RING.



NO, MARK.

I'M NOT.





I THINK ABOUT WHAT I WENT THROUGH... AND I REALIZE... I CAN'T HAVE OUR CHILD LIVING THROUGH THAT.

HOW DO I TELL THEM DADDY ISN'T COMING HOME--- THAT I DON'T KNOW WHEN... OR IF YOU'RE EVER COMING BACK?

I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M GOING TO LIVE THAT LIFE... I WOULDN'T WISH THIS ON ANYONE.

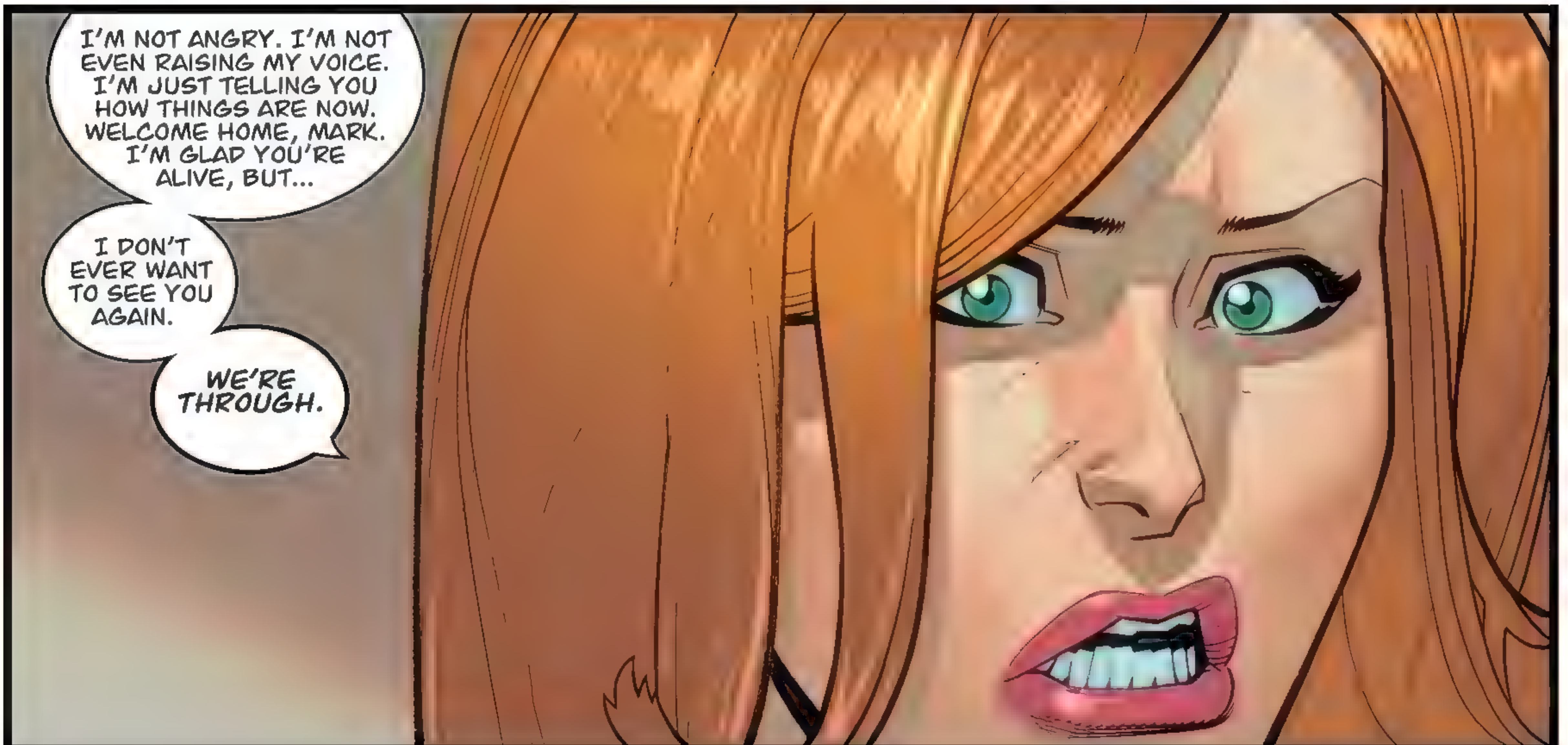
YOU'RE RIGHT... ABOUT EVERYTHING. YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT ANGSTROM, TOO... I NEVER SHOULD HAVE GONE AFTER HIM. AND I KNOW IT'S NOT ENOUGH, BUT I'M SORRY. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT.

I WANT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT, BUT I CAN'T RIGHT NOW. THERE'S TOO MUCH HAPPENING.

I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME AND---

ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?

I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY, BUT...



I'M NOT ANGRY. I'M NOT EVEN RAISING MY VOICE. I'M JUST TELLING YOU HOW THINGS ARE NOW. WELCOME HOME, MARK. I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE, BUT...

I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

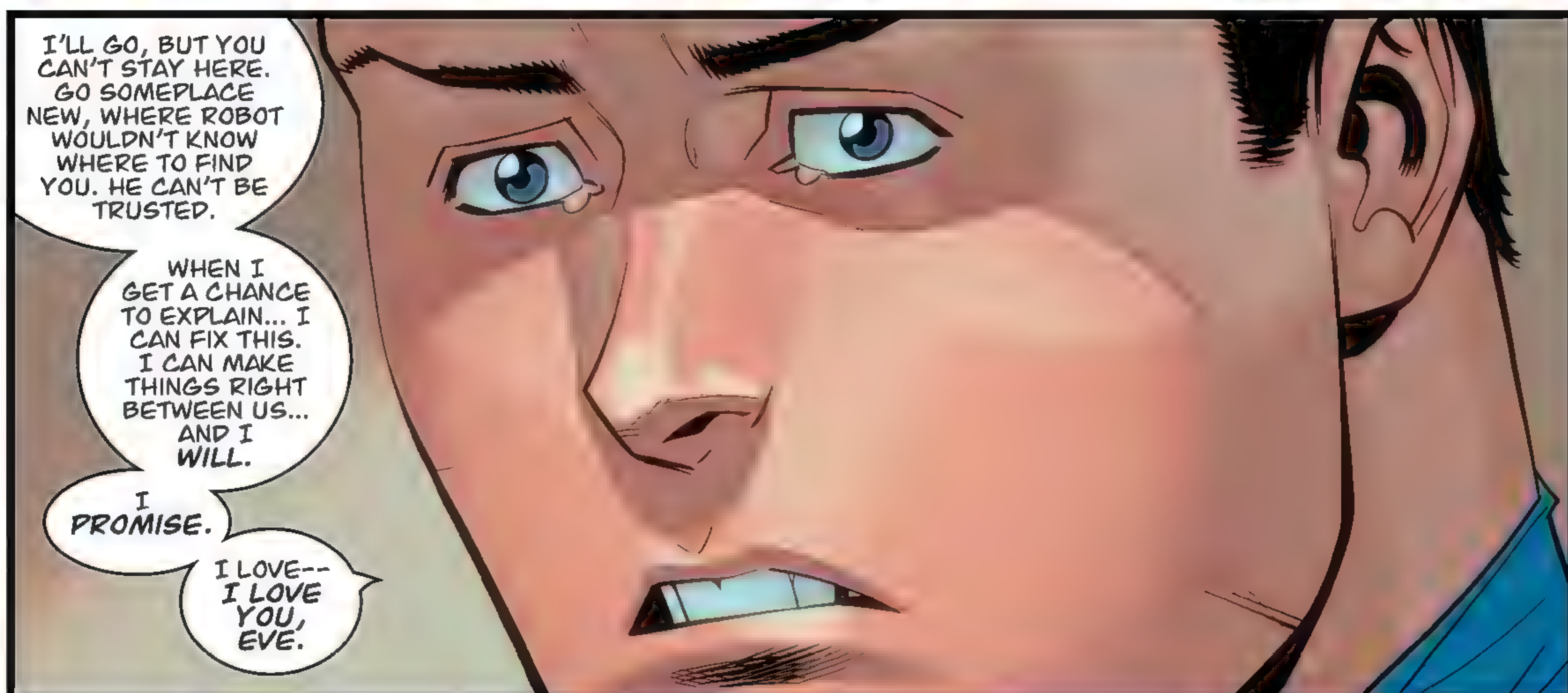
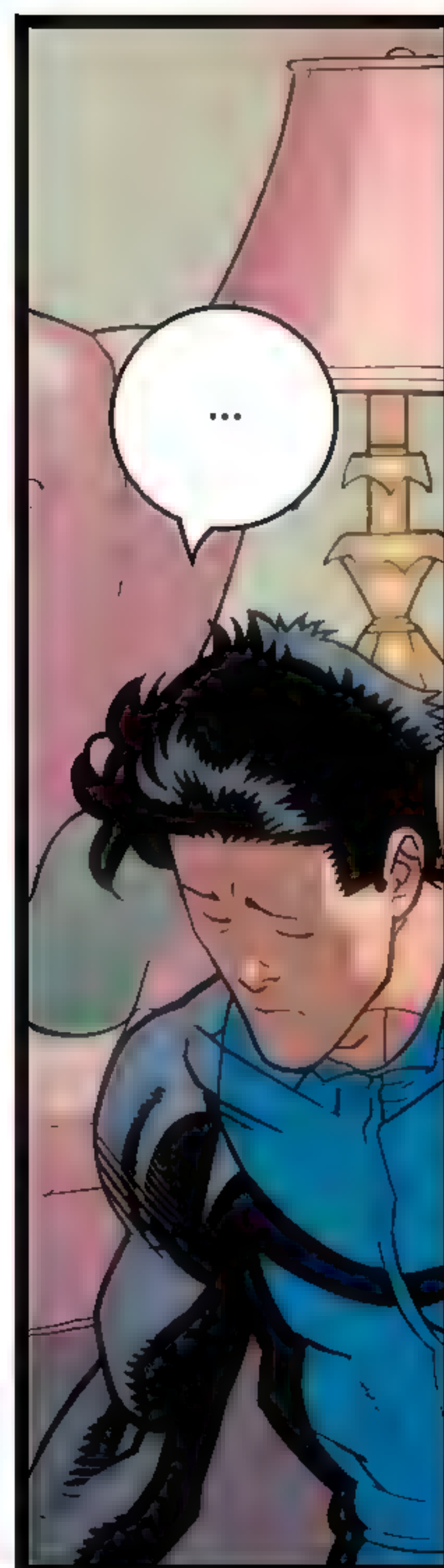
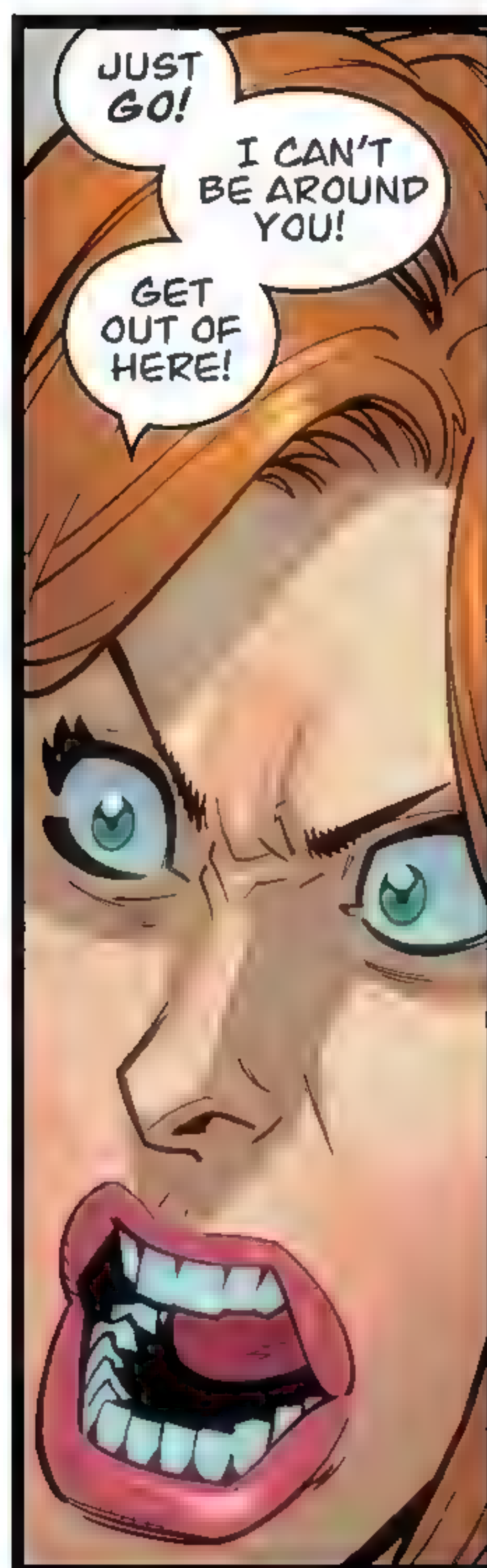
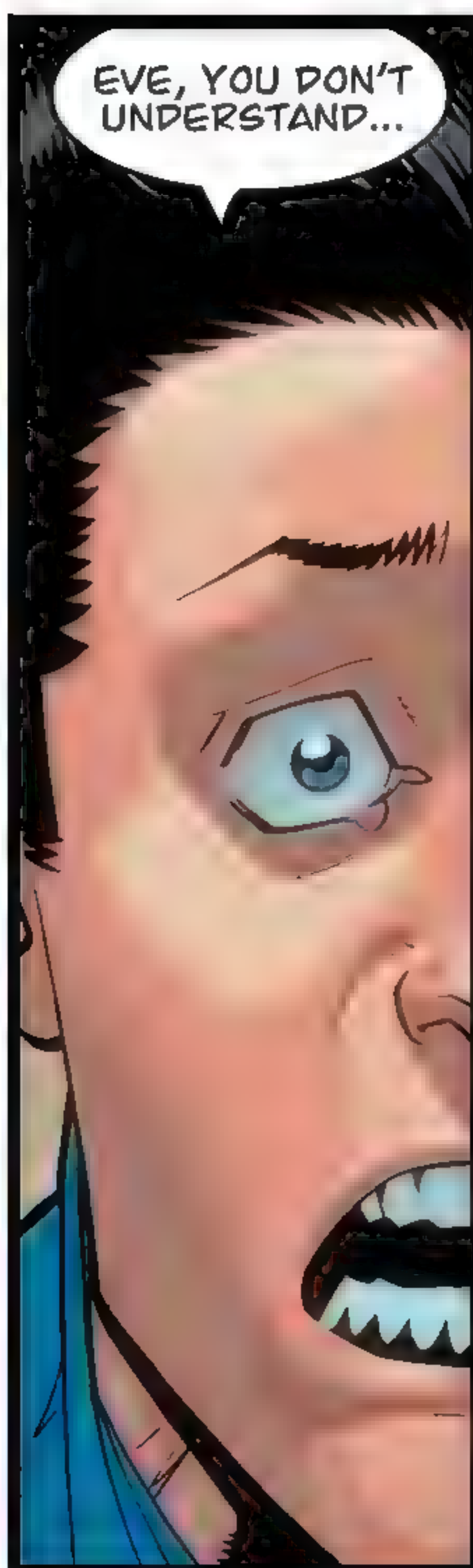
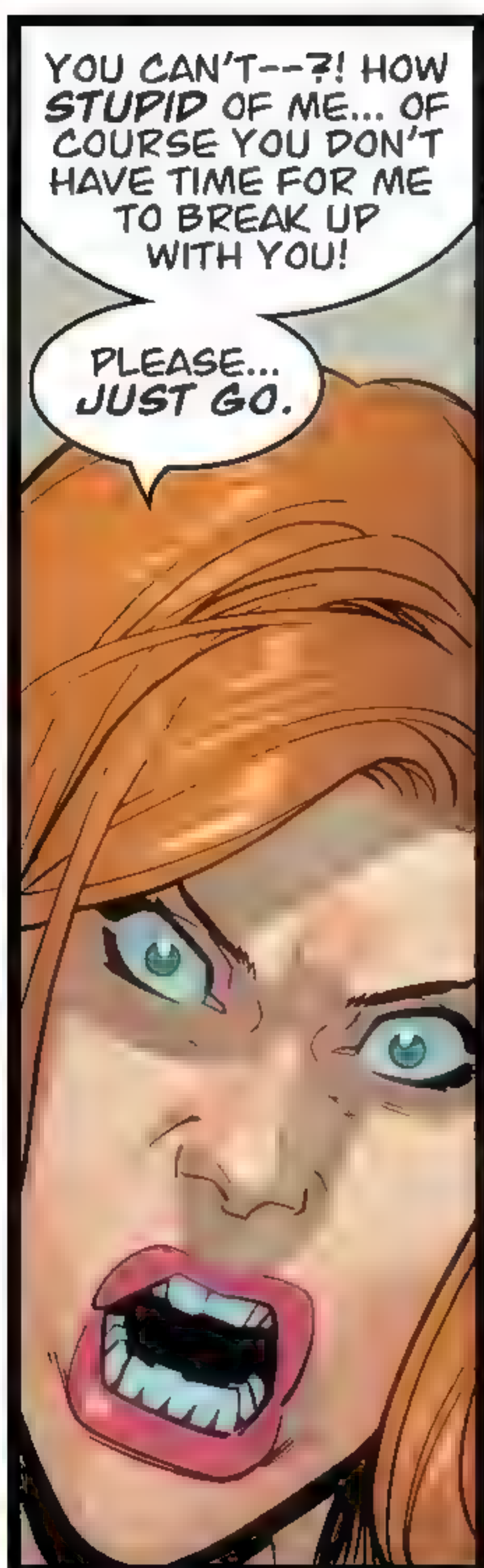
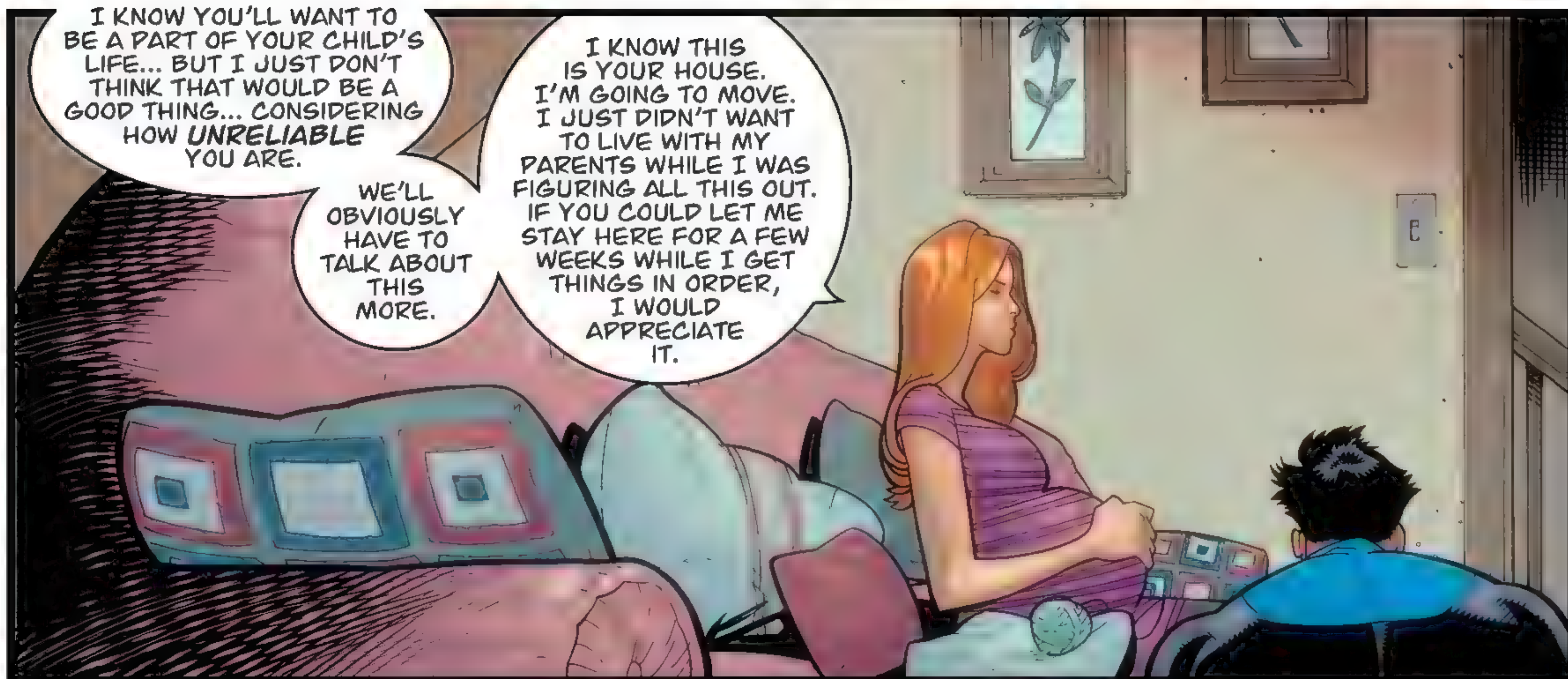
WE'RE THROUGH.



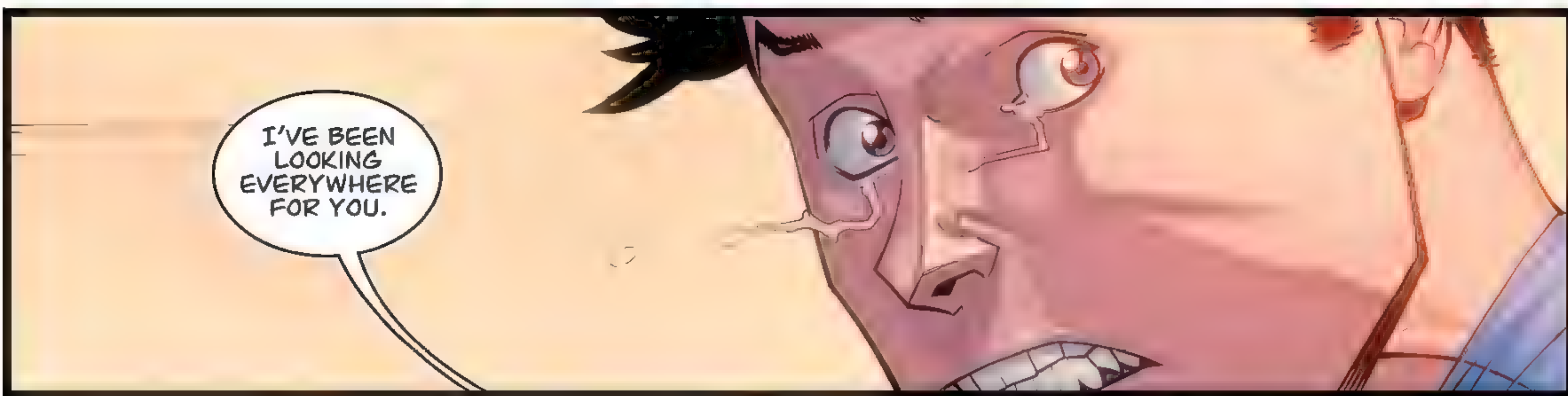
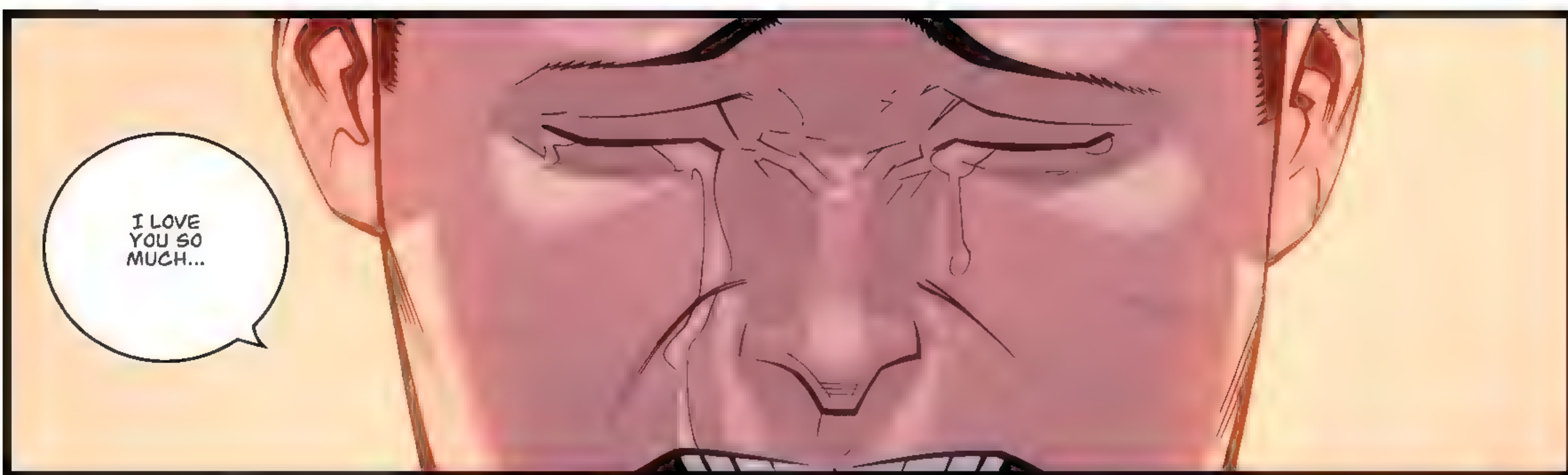


**WHAT?!**













WHERE  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN?





NONE OF YOUR--

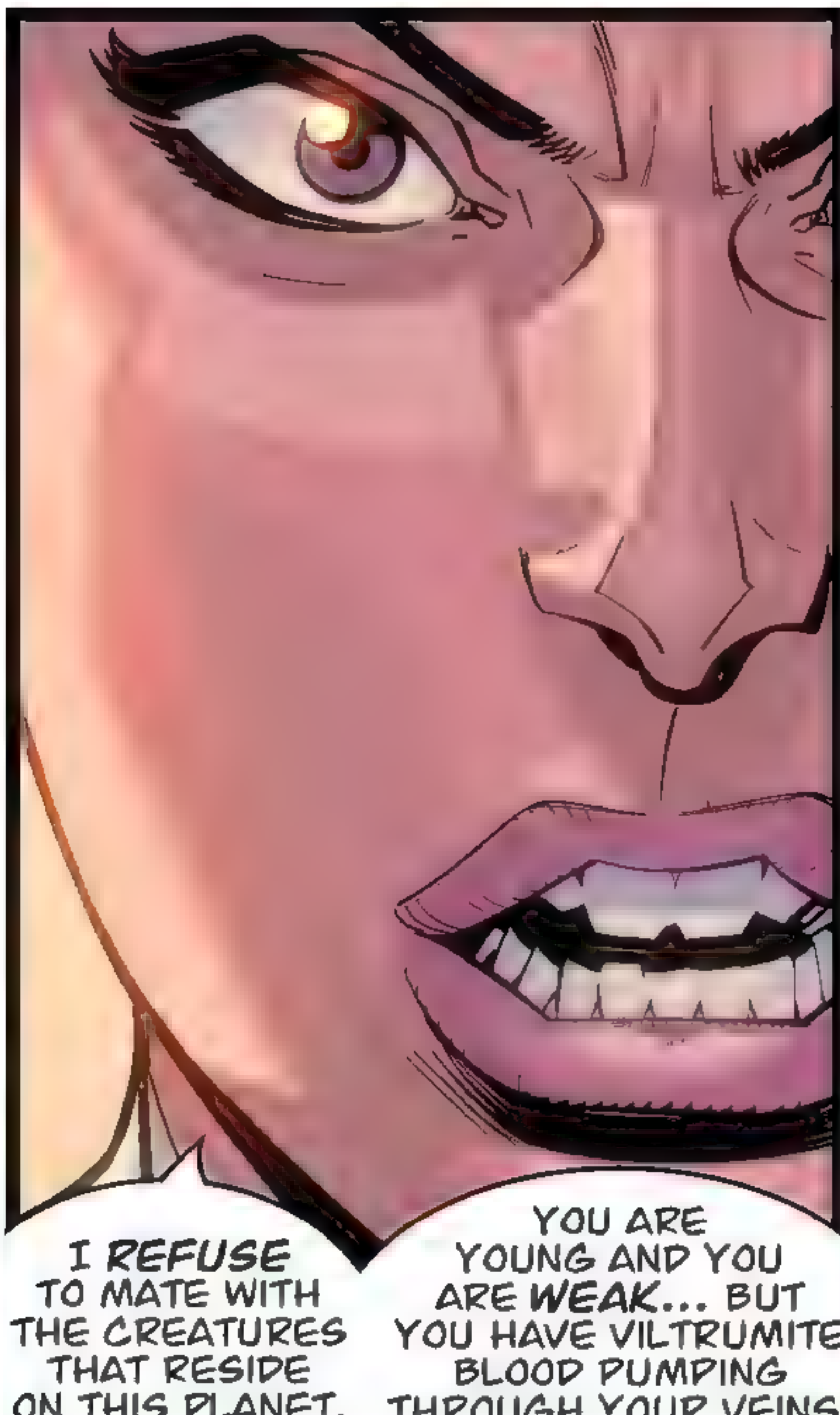
I DON'T HAVE **TIME** FOR THIS. YOU KNOW OUR MISSION HERE. WE ARE TO PROCREATE, MAKE MORE VILTRUMITE HALF-BREEDS SO THEY CAN ADD TO OUR RANKS AND PREVENT OUR EXTINCTION.

THE MALES OF OUR RACE ARE PERFORMING **ADMIRABLY**. MANY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN CREATED ALREADY.

I AM NOT FULFILLING MY DUTY.



I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, BUT--  
**STOP.**



I REFUSE TO MATE WITH THE CREATURES THAT RESIDE ON THIS PLANET. YOU ARE YOUNG AND YOU ARE **WEAK**... BUT YOU HAVE VILTRUMITE BLOOD PUMPING THROUGH YOUR VEINS.



SO YOU'LL DO.

FLATTERED, BUT NO... I'M TAKEN. REALLY. I'M NOT INTERESTED.

AND I'VE GOT SOMEWHERE ELSE I REALLY NEED TO BE.



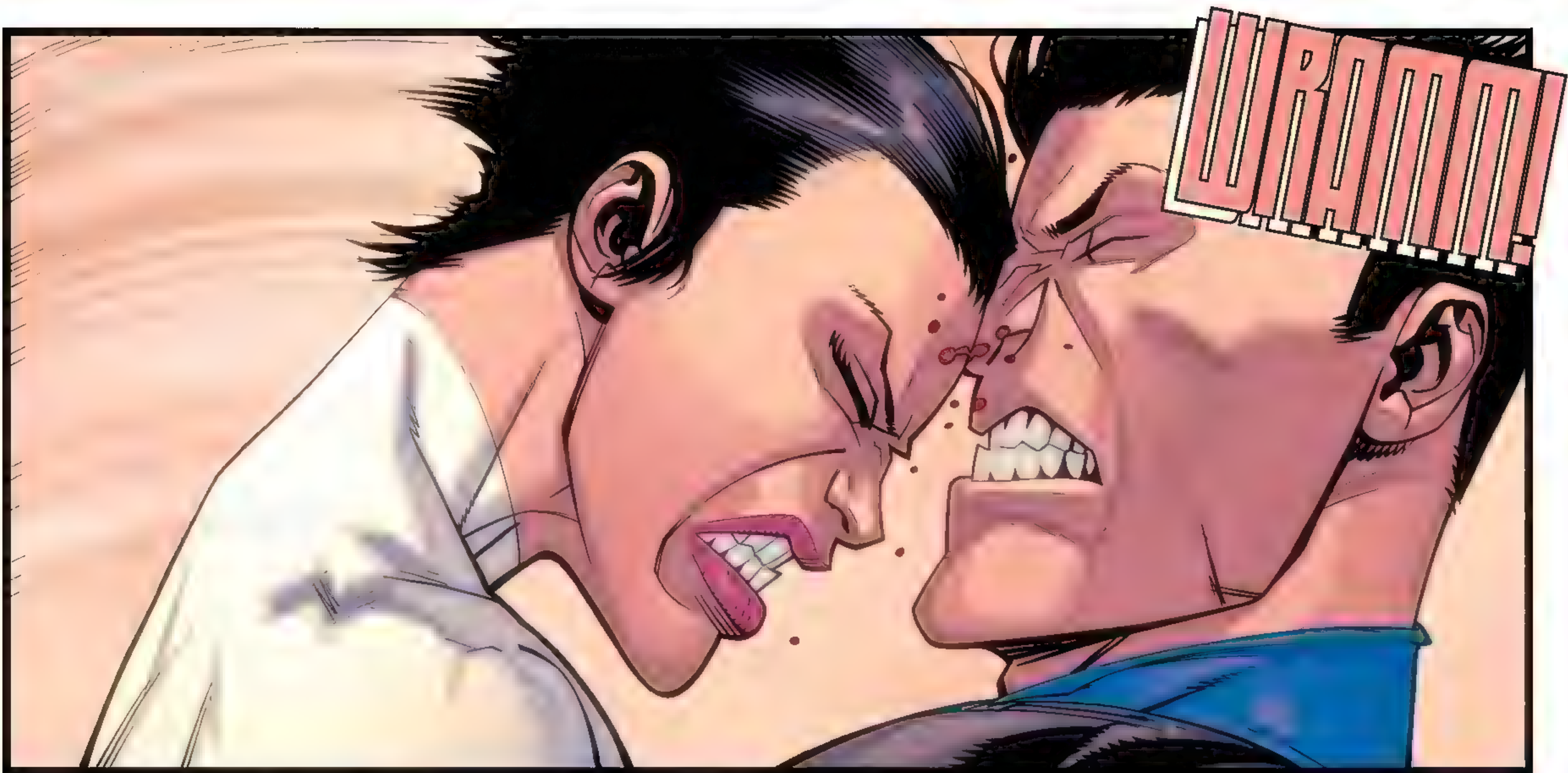
SO--  
**BYE!**

I SAID--

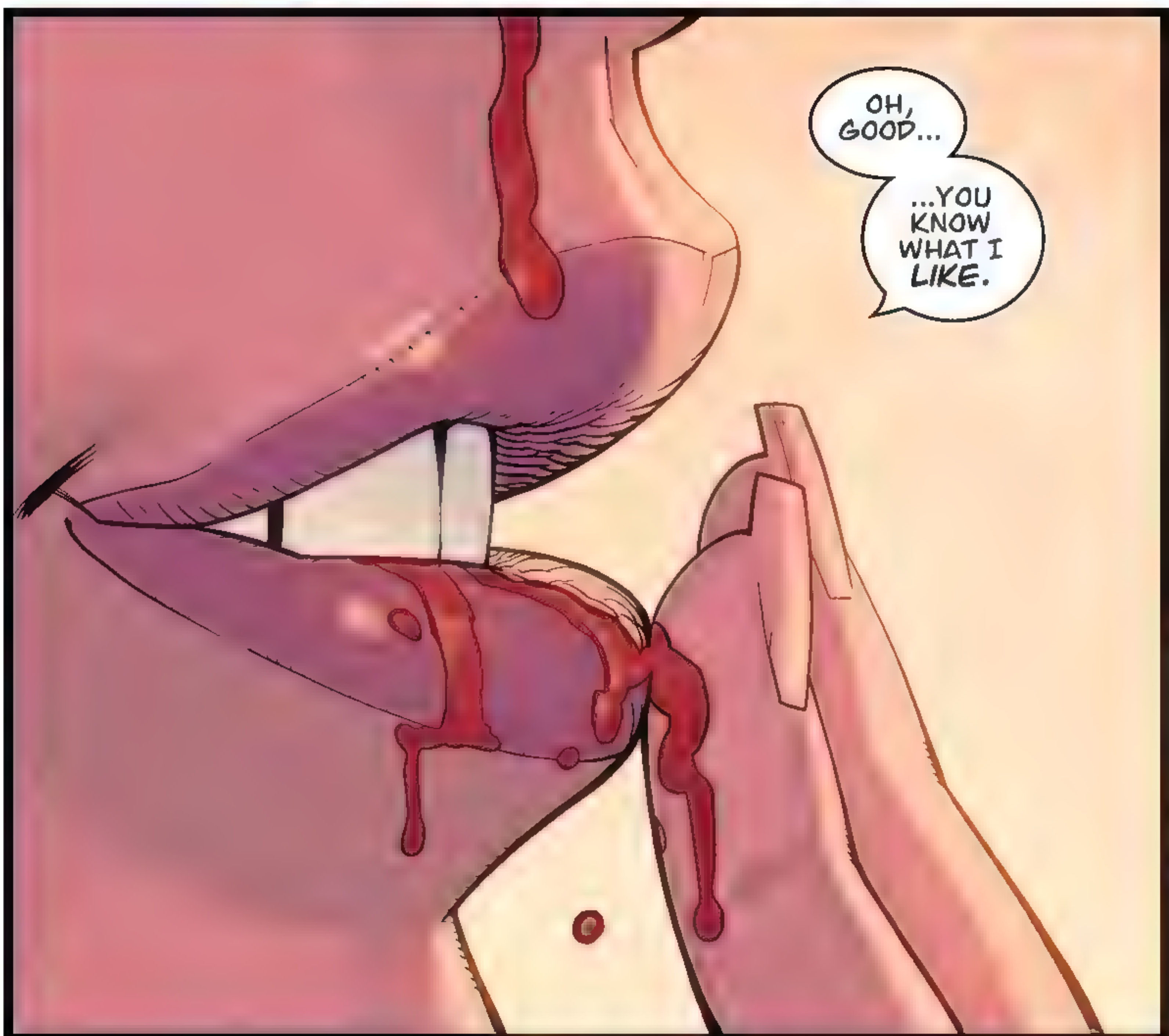
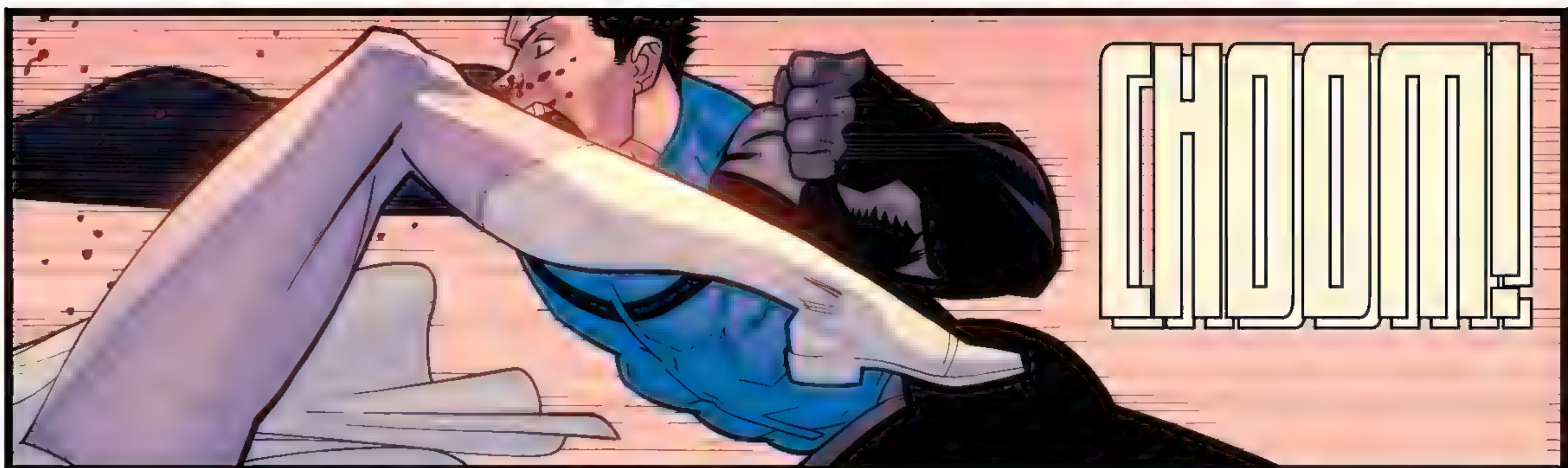
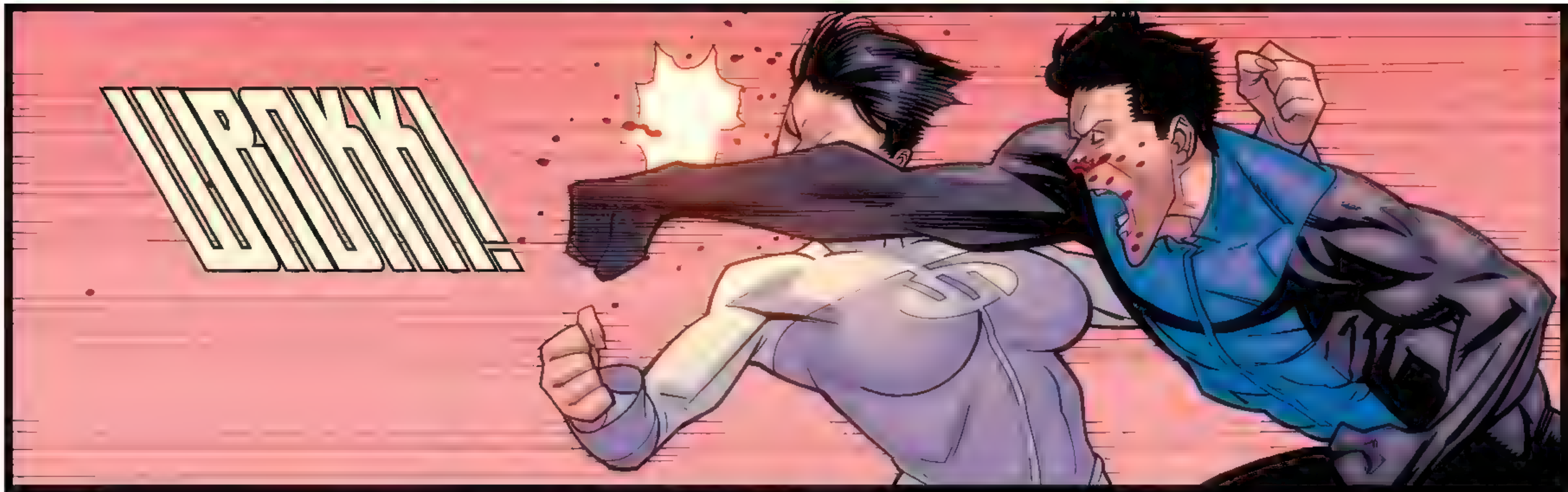




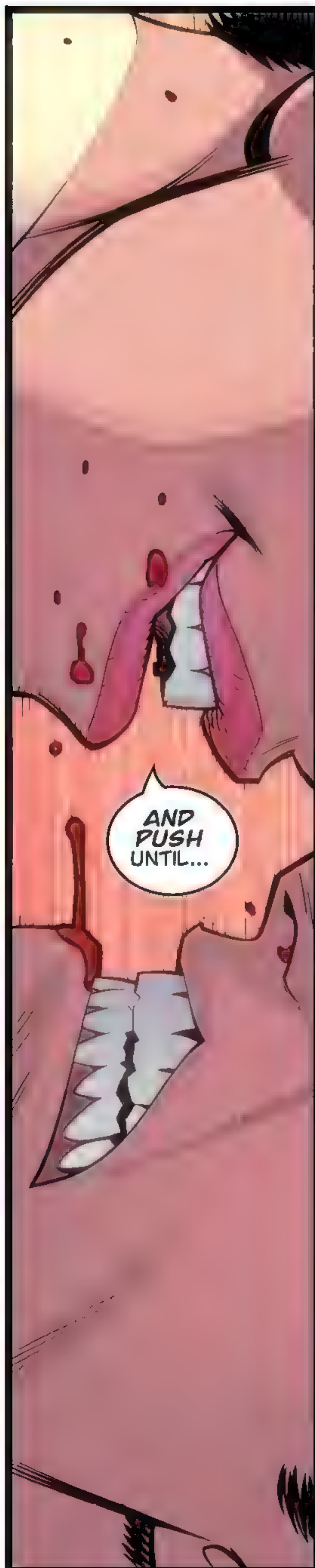
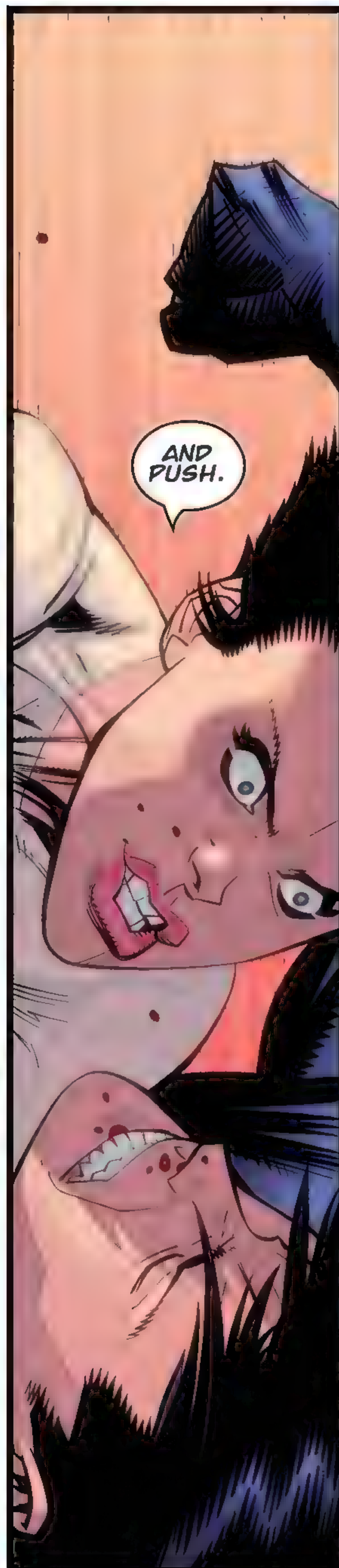








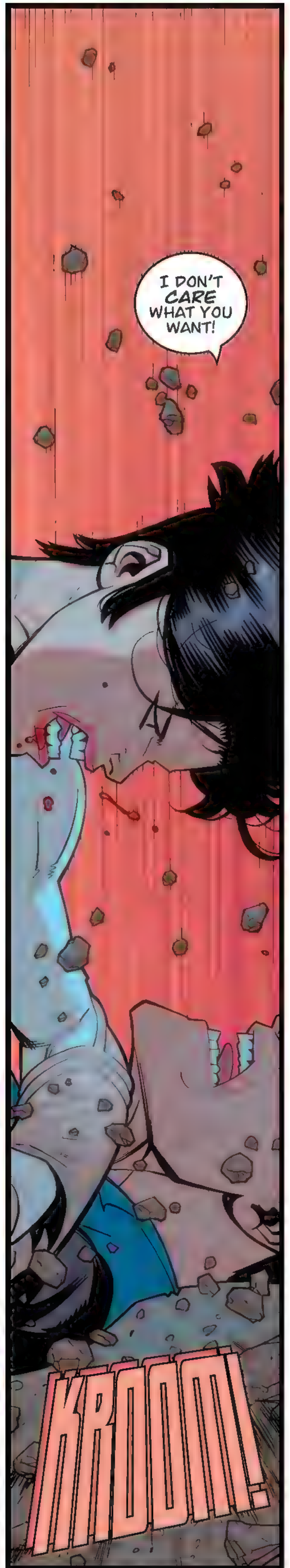
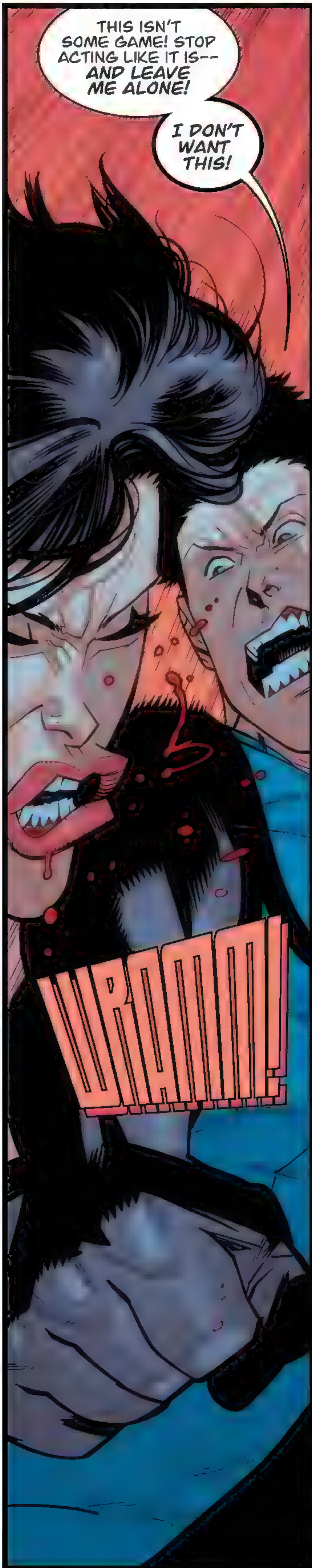
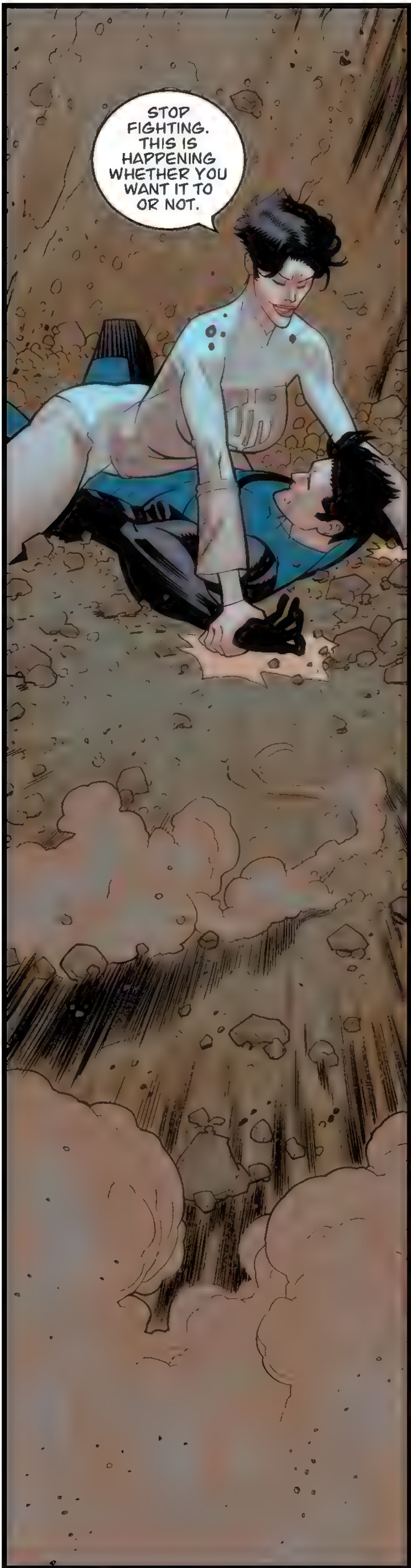




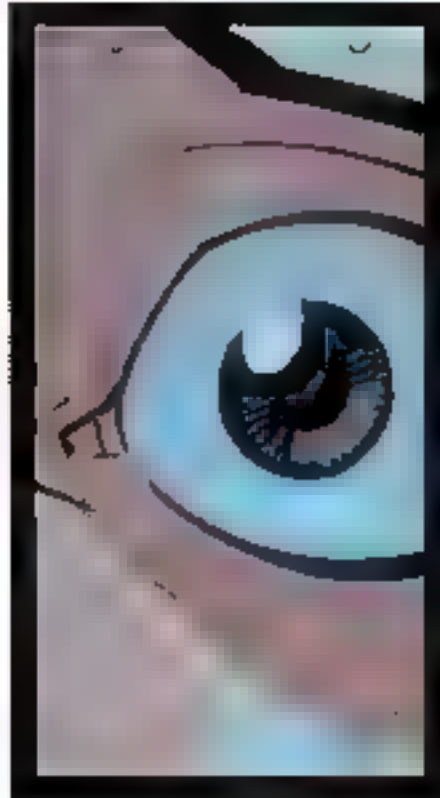
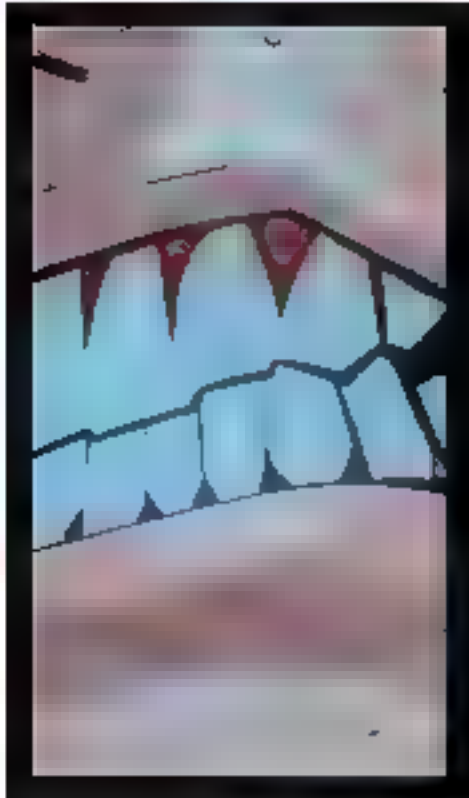
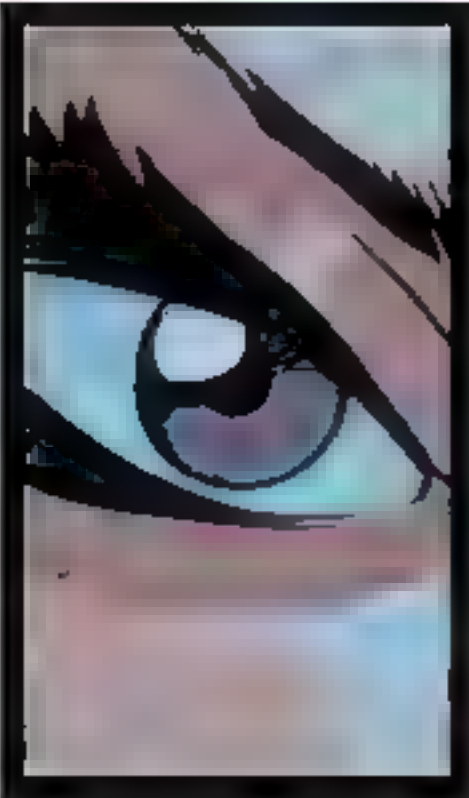
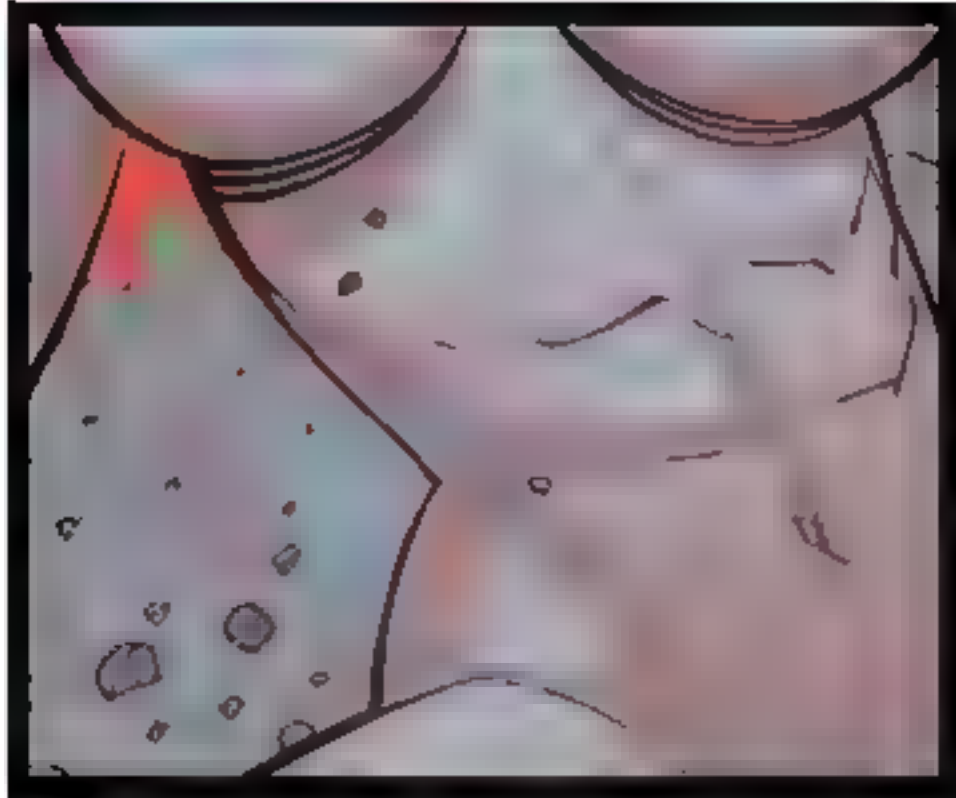
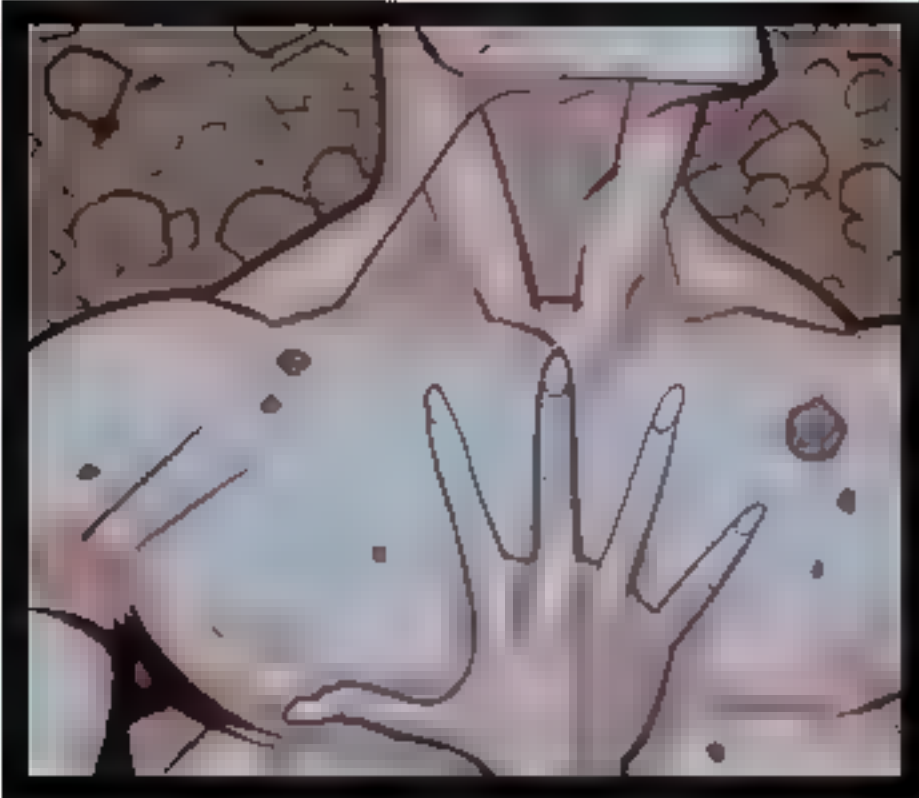
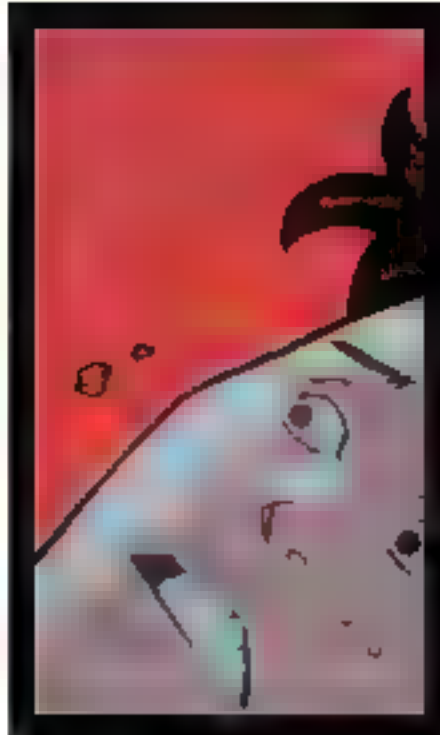
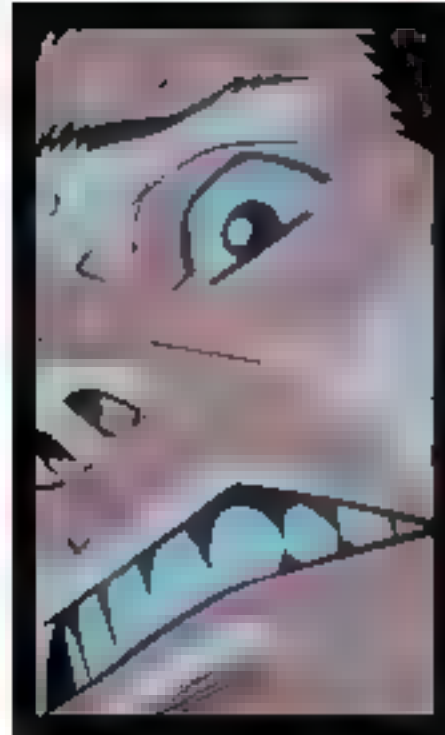
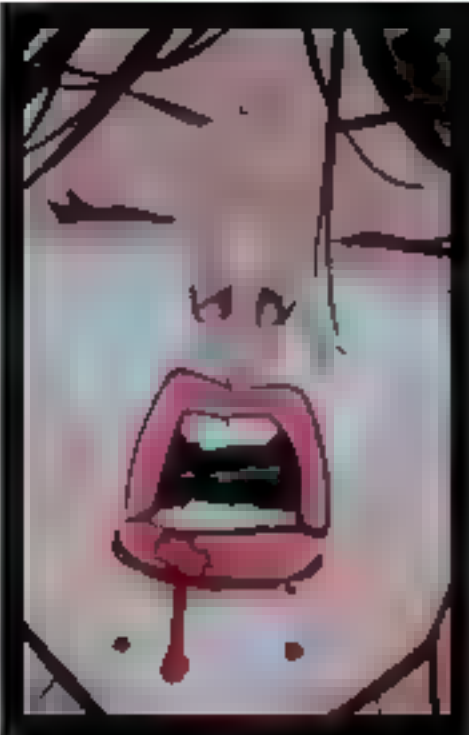
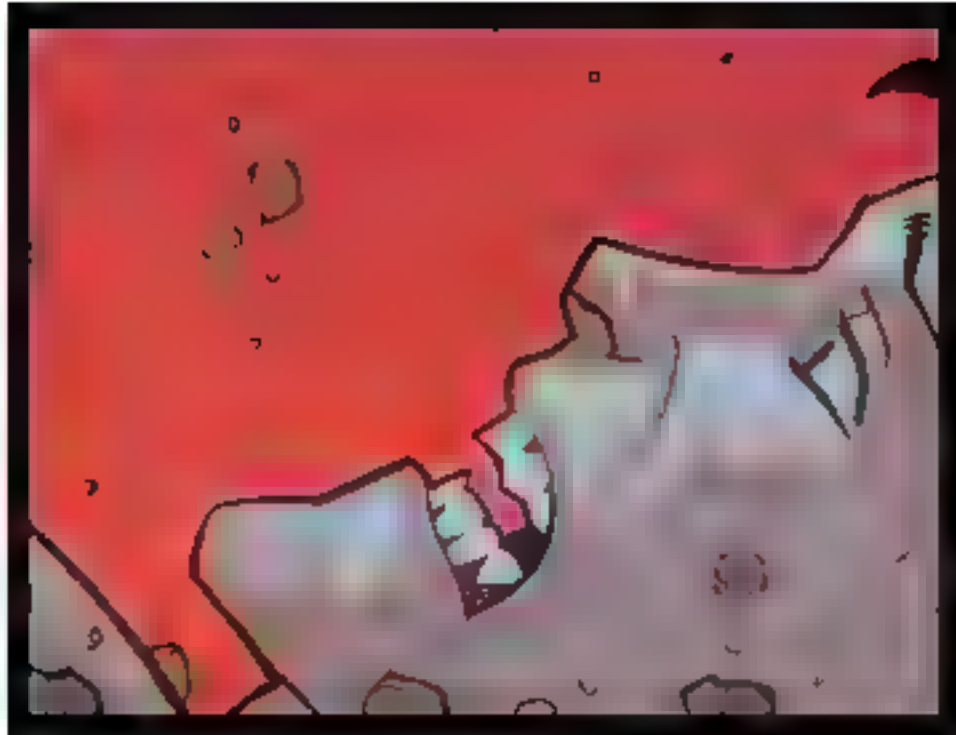
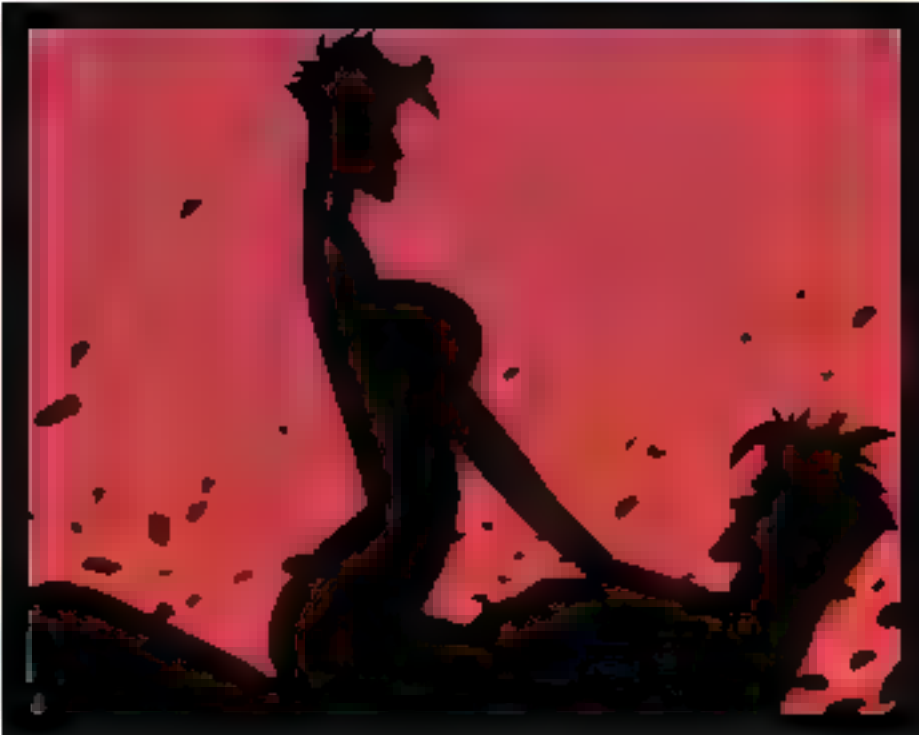
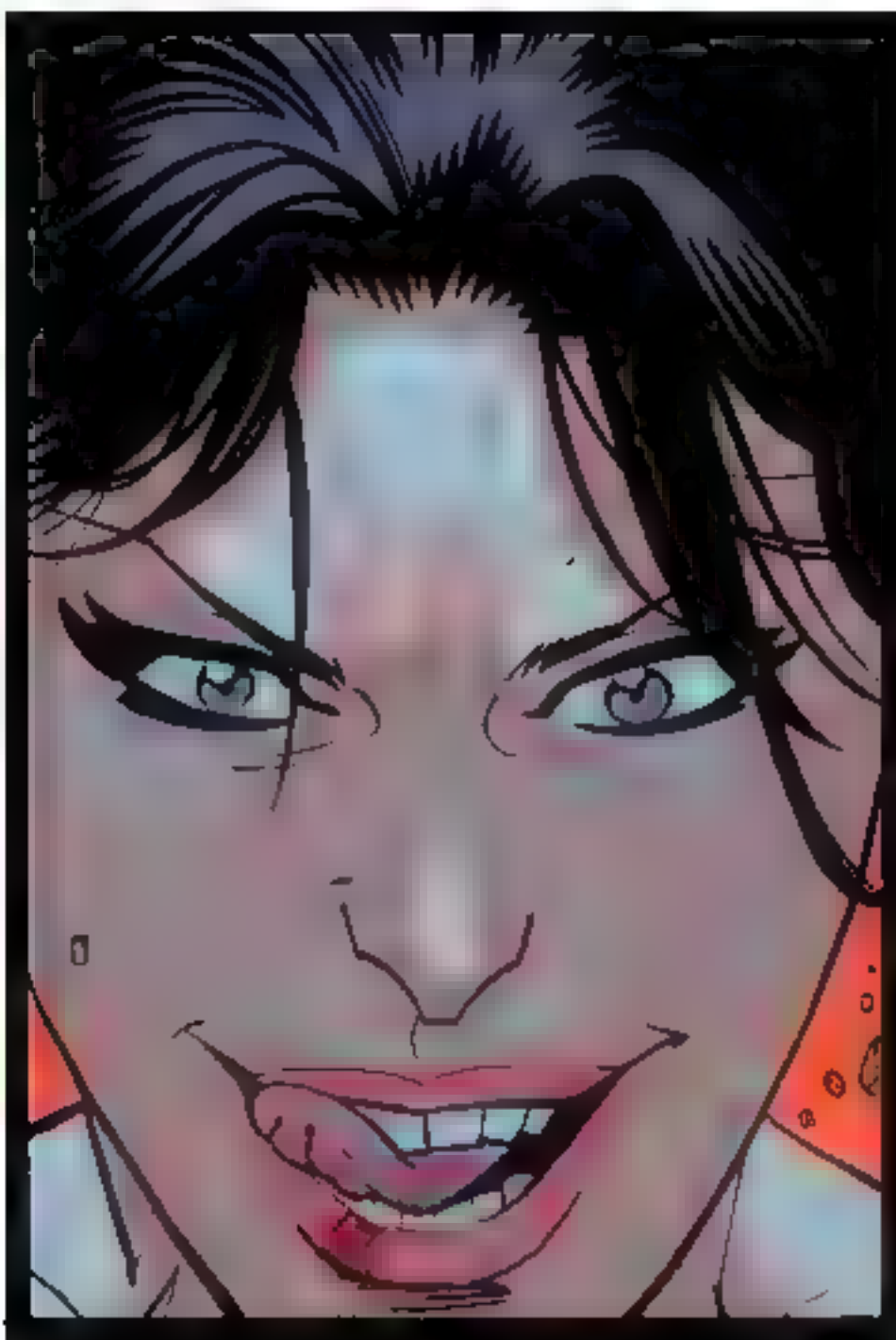
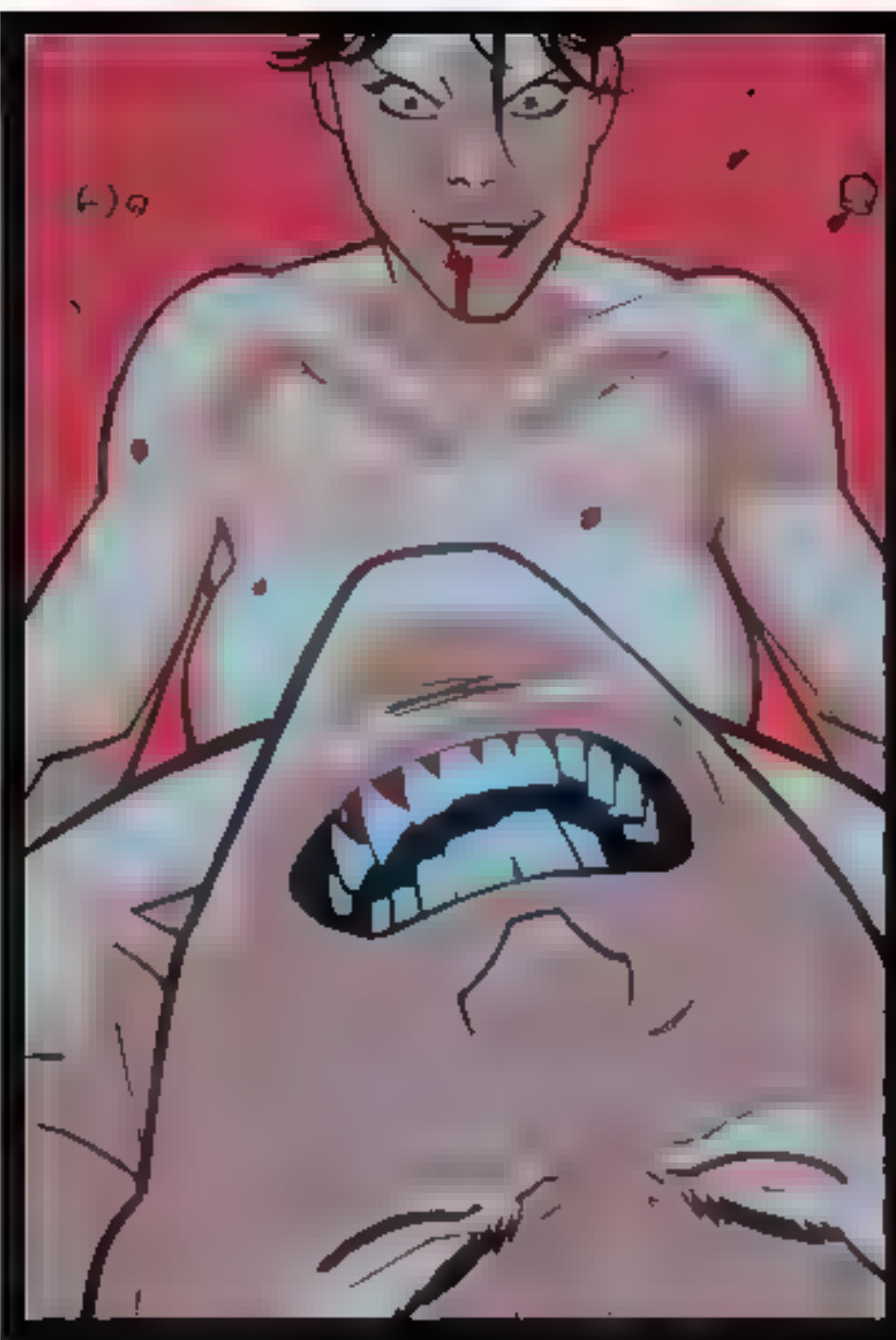
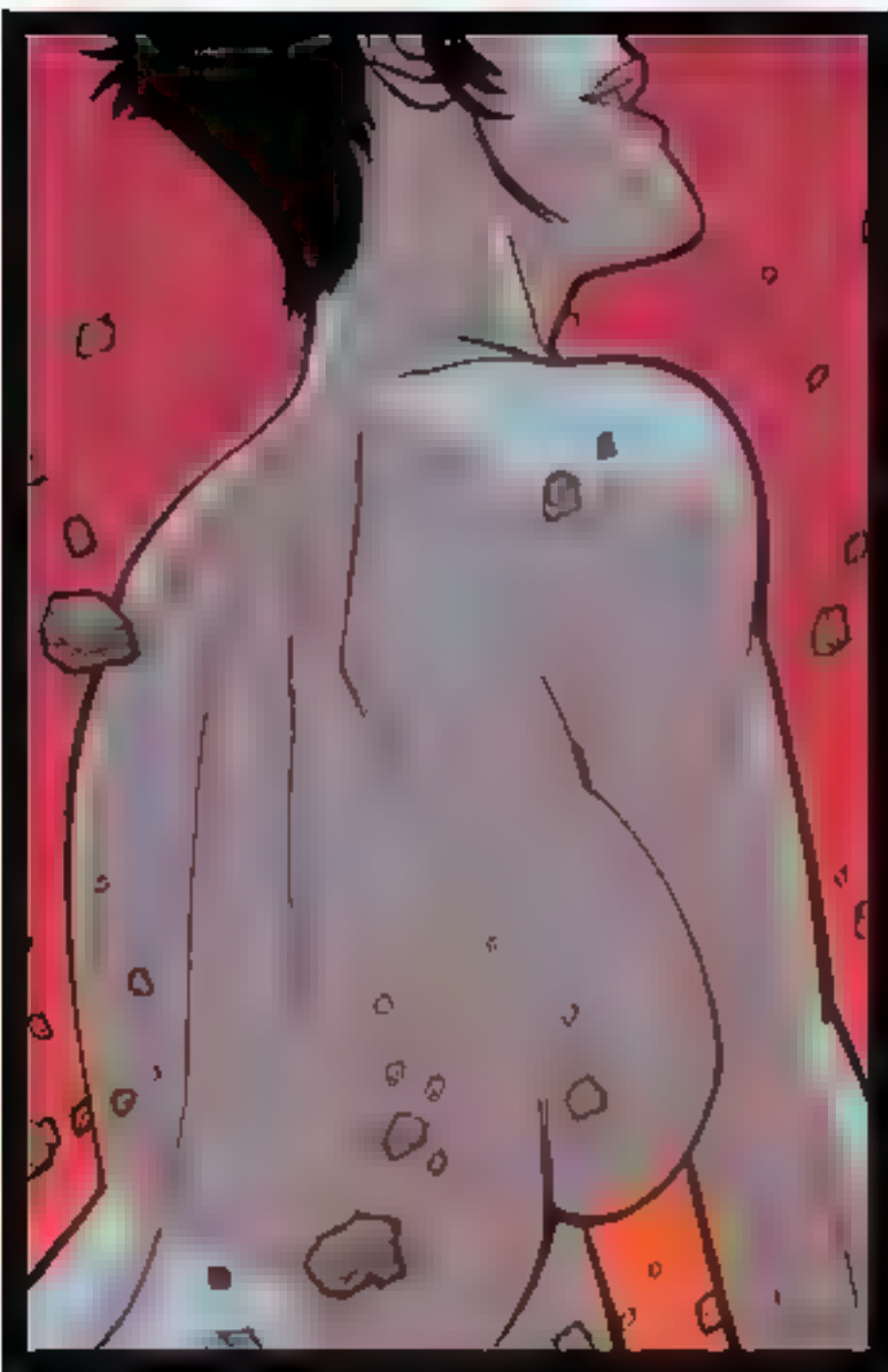
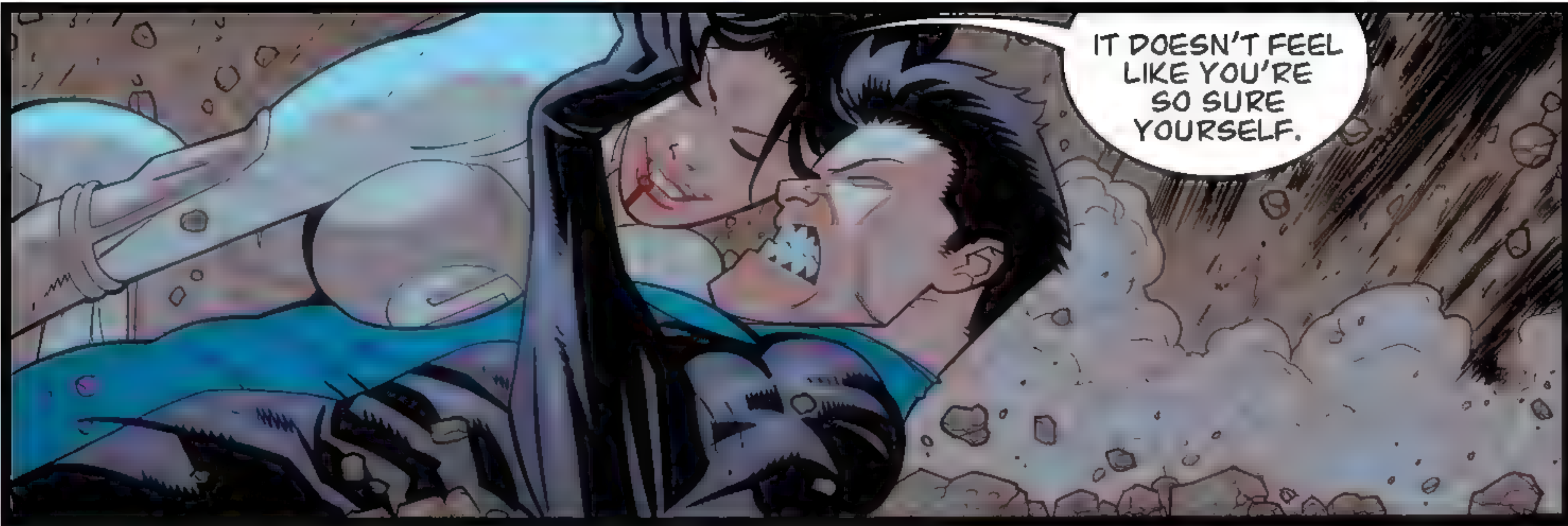
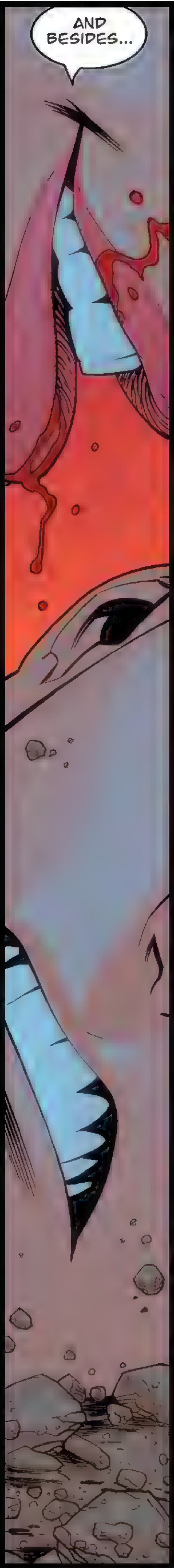




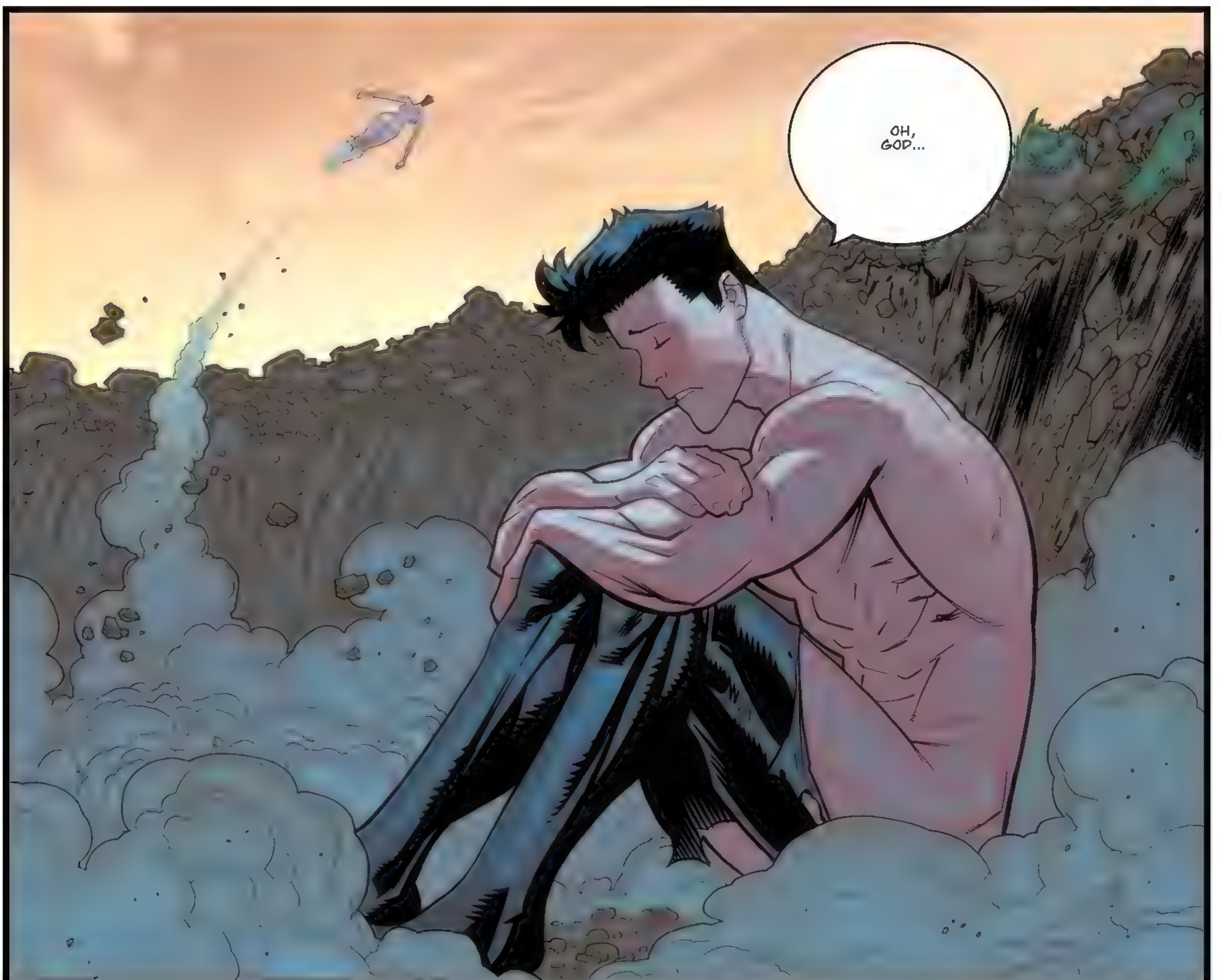
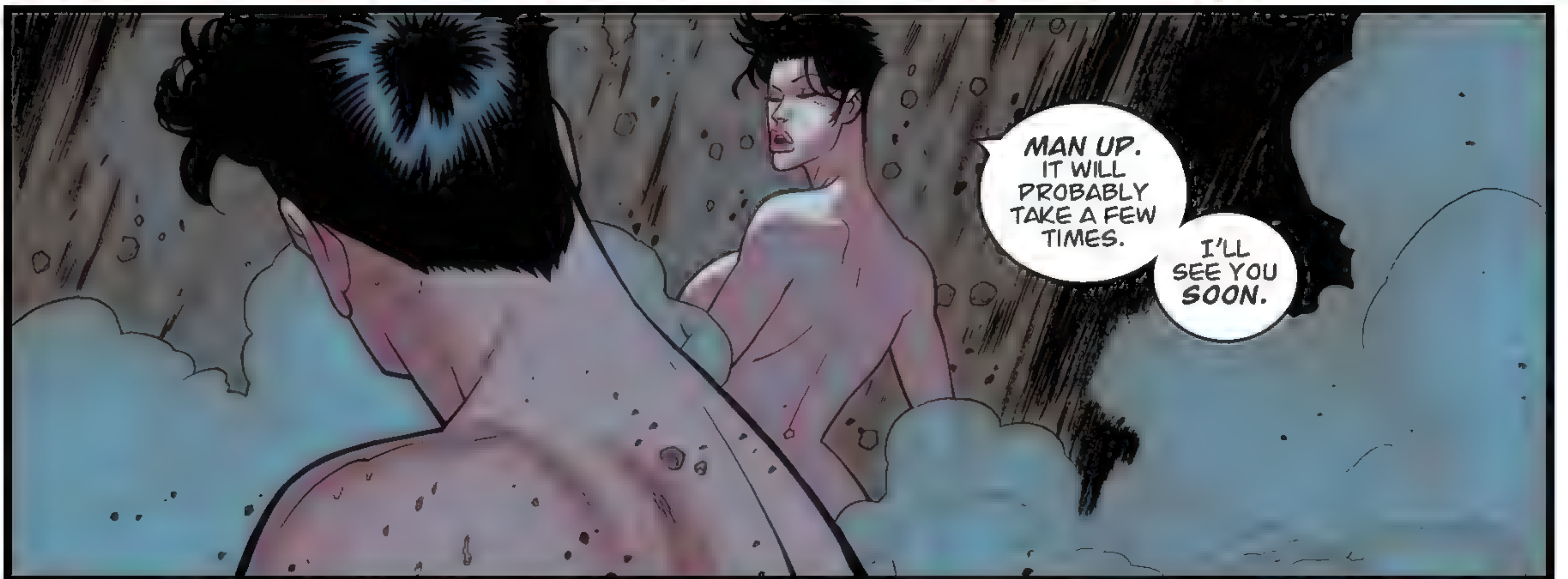
















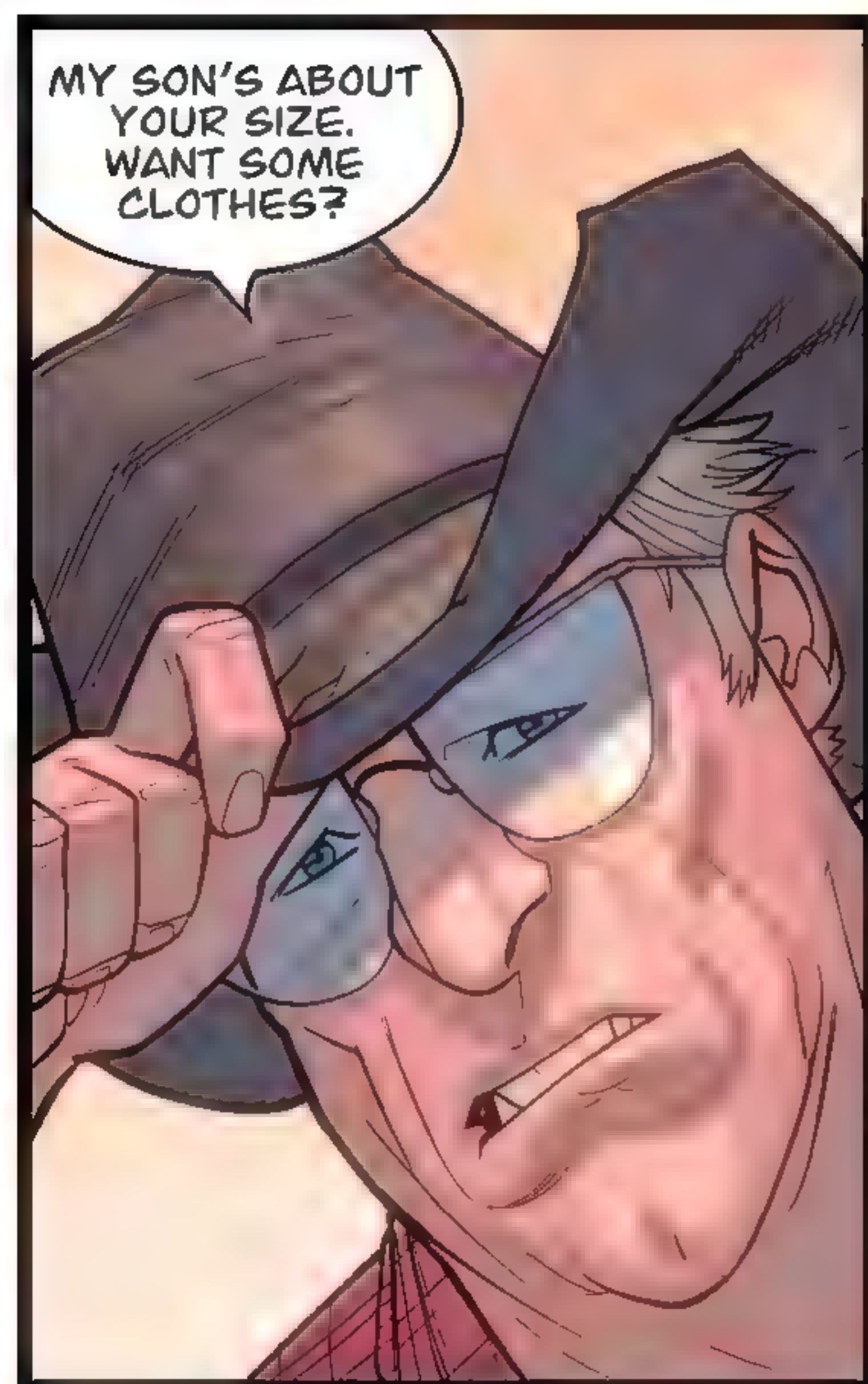
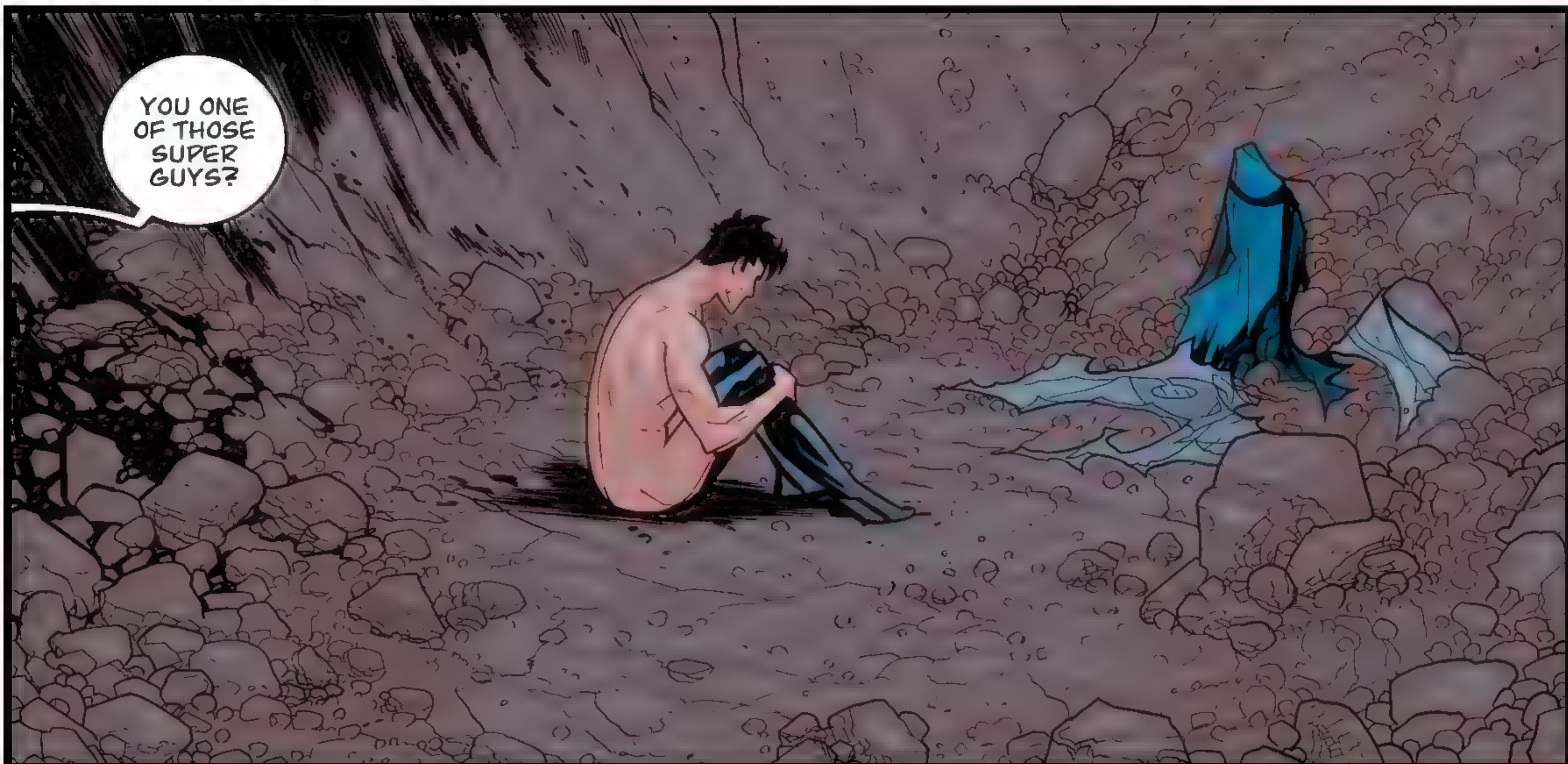




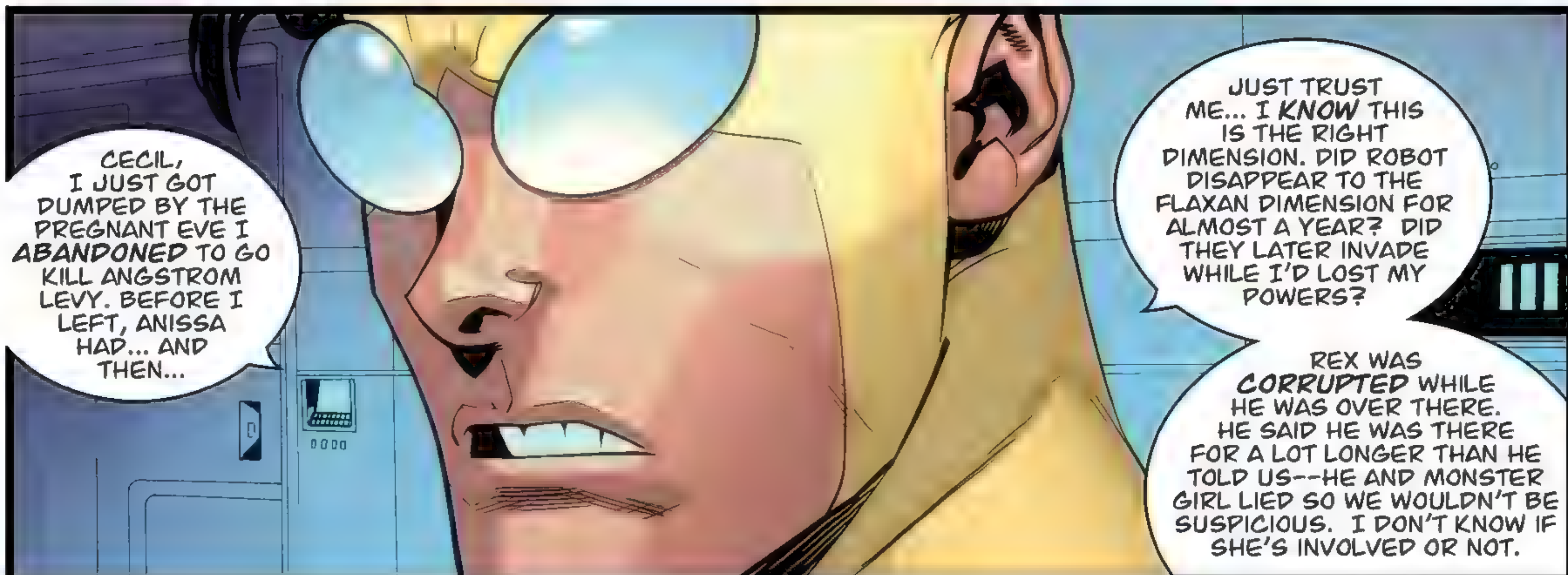
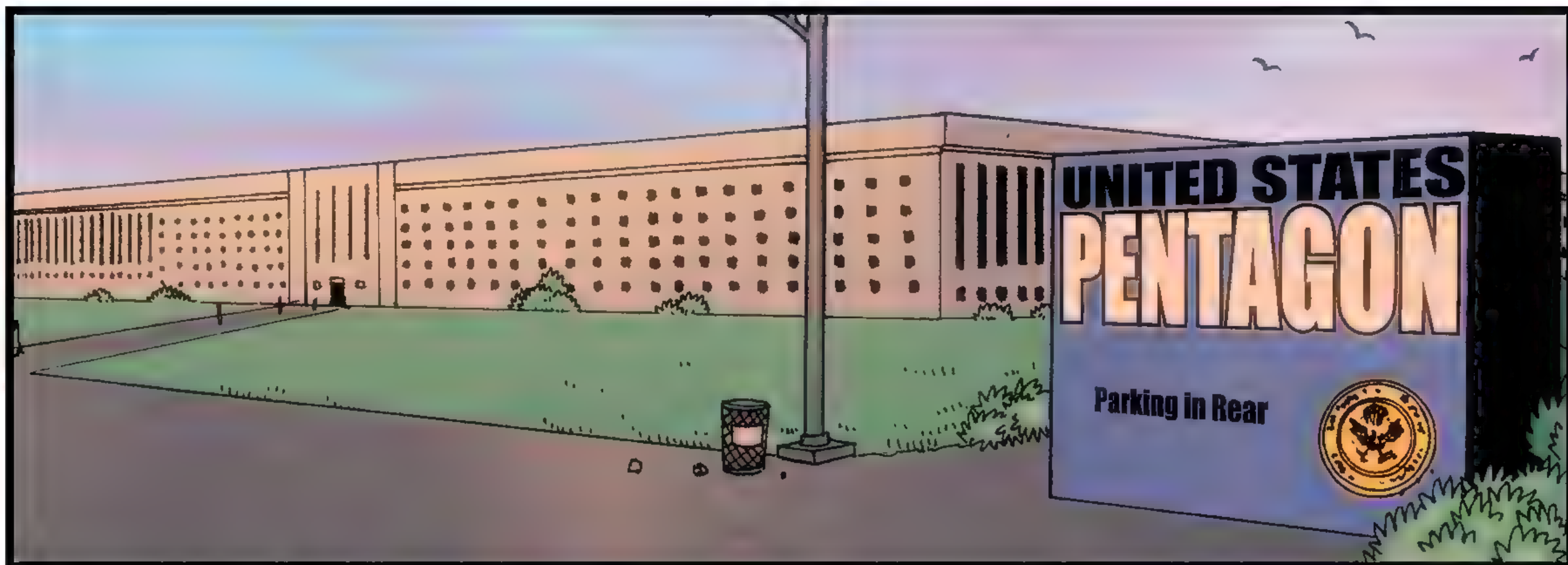
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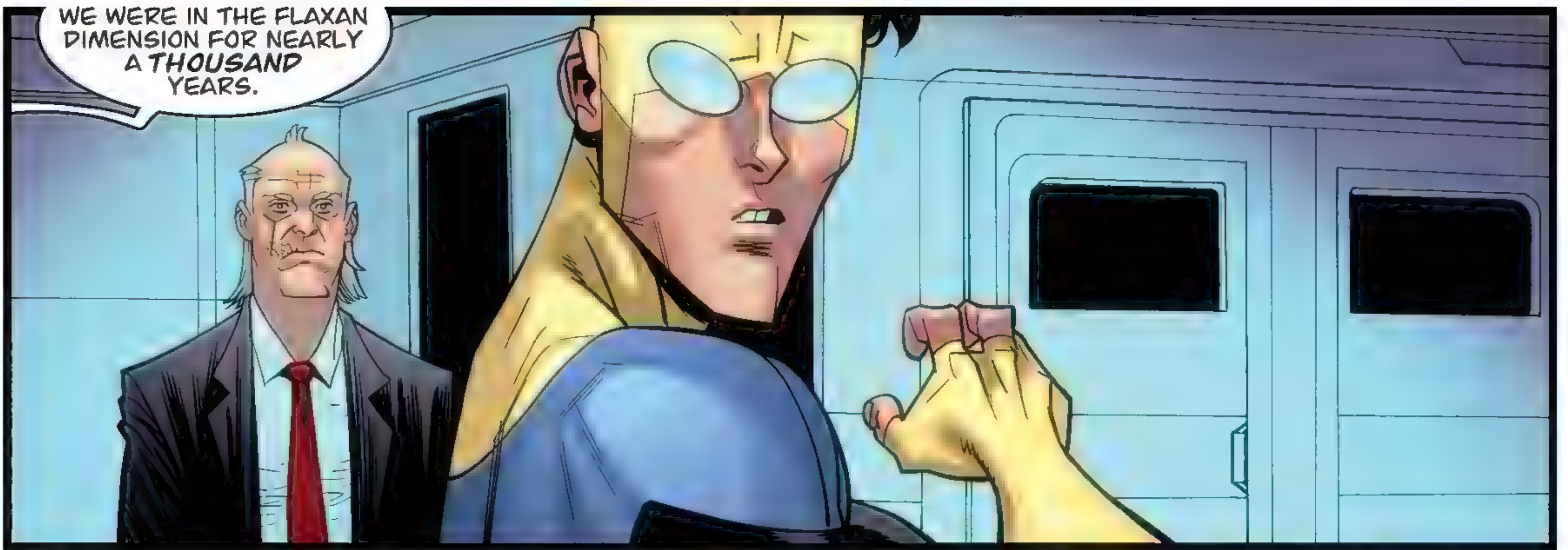




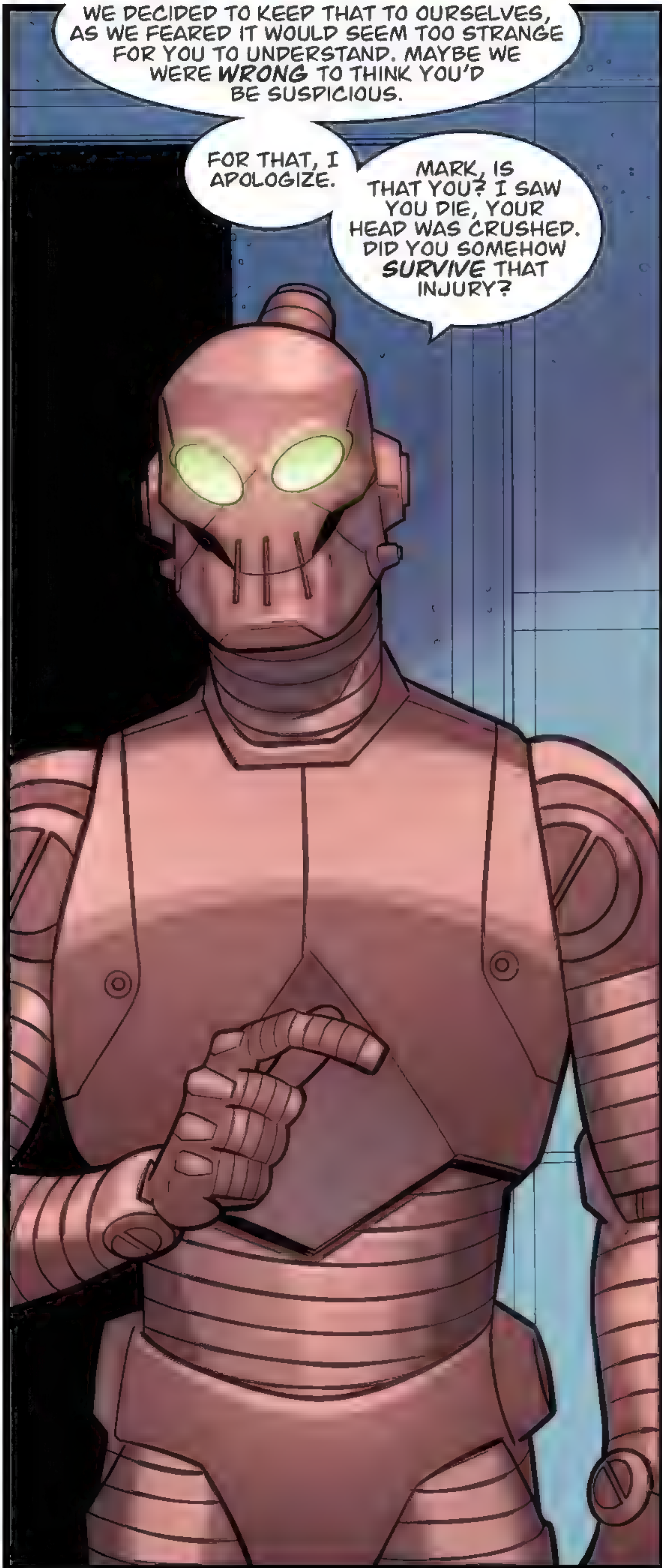








WE WERE IN THE FLAXAN DIMENSION FOR NEARLY A THOUSAND YEARS.



WE DECIDED TO KEEP THAT TO OURSELVES, AS WE FEARED IT WOULD SEEM TOO STRANGE FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND. MAYBE WE WERE **WRONG** TO THINK YOU'D BE SUSPICIOUS.

FOR THAT, I APOLOGIZE.

MARK, IS THAT YOU? I SAW YOU DIE, YOUR HEAD WAS CRUSHED. DID YOU SOMEHOW **SURVIVE** THAT INJURY?



REALLY? THAT'S YOUR TACTIC? **DENIAL?**

I SAW WHAT YOU DID... AND I'VE ALREADY TOLD CECIL. SURRENDER BEFORE THIS GETS ANY WORSE FOR YOU.



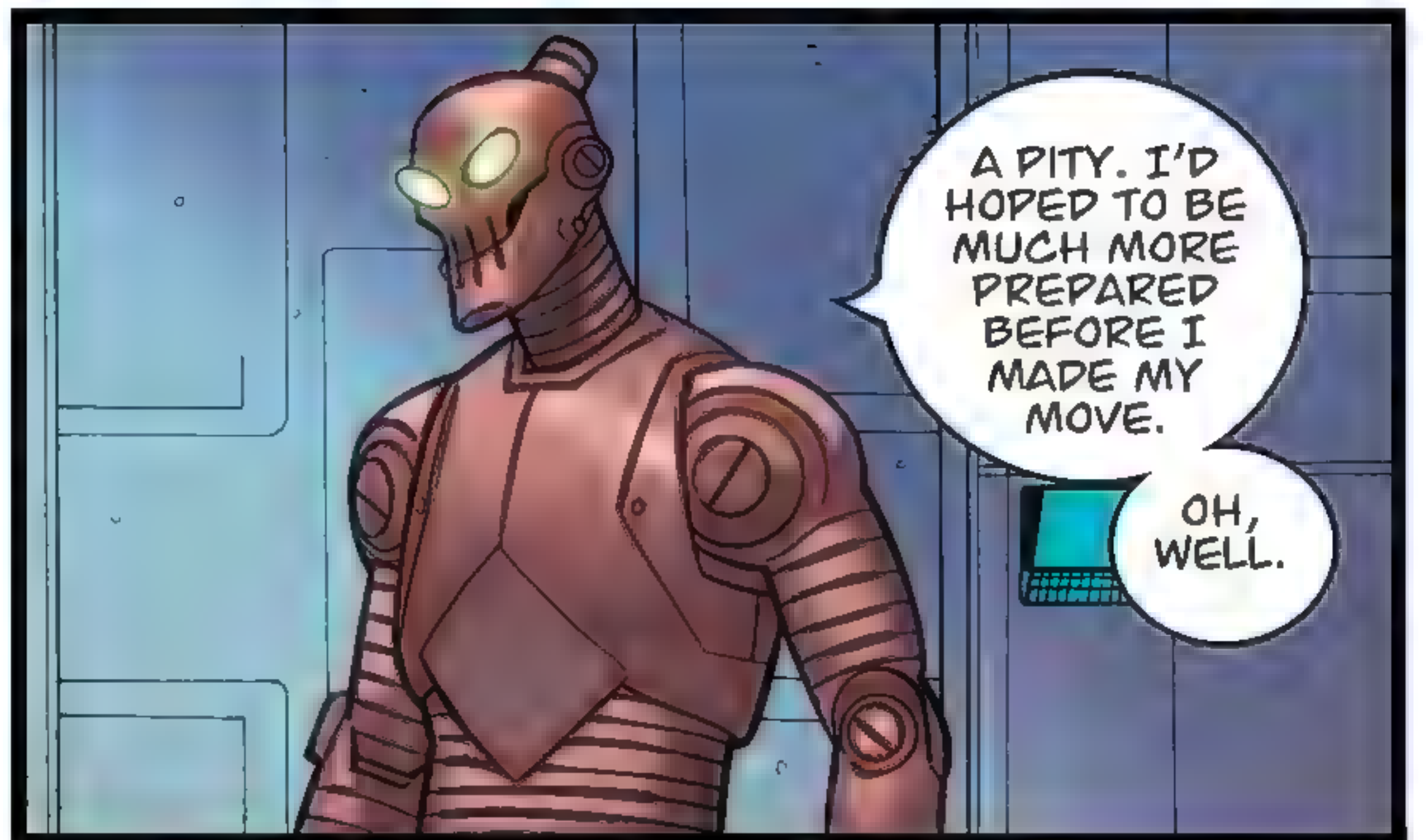
SURRENDER FOR WHAT?

YOU PLAN ON TAKING OVER THE PLANET. YOU TOLD ME THAT.



I THINK THIS WARRANTS A LONGER CONVERSATION. REX, I WOULDN'T BELIEVE A WORD OF MARK'S STORY IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU RECENTLY DEMANDING ACCESS TO ALL THE GLOBAL DEFENSE AGENCY EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS.

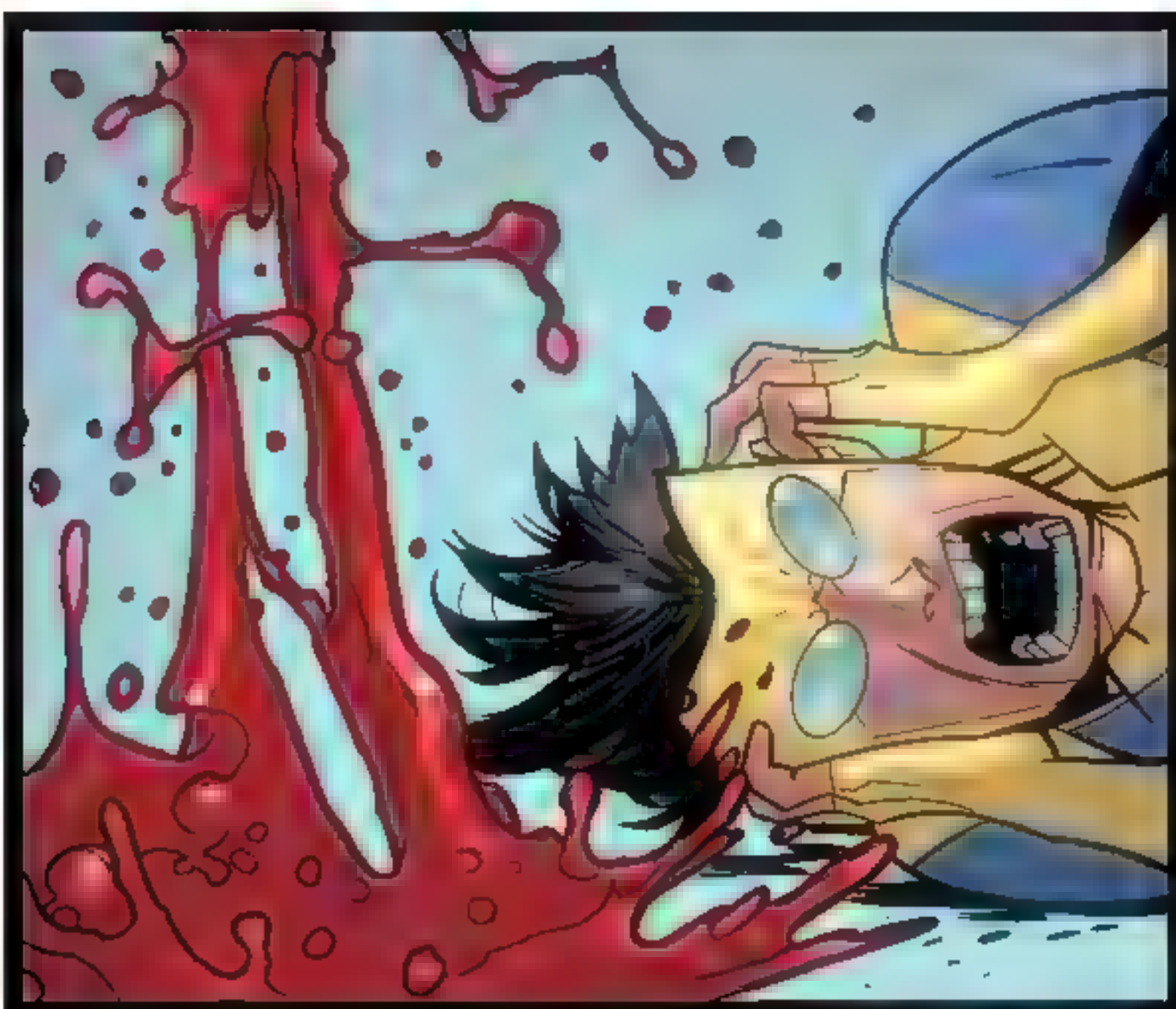
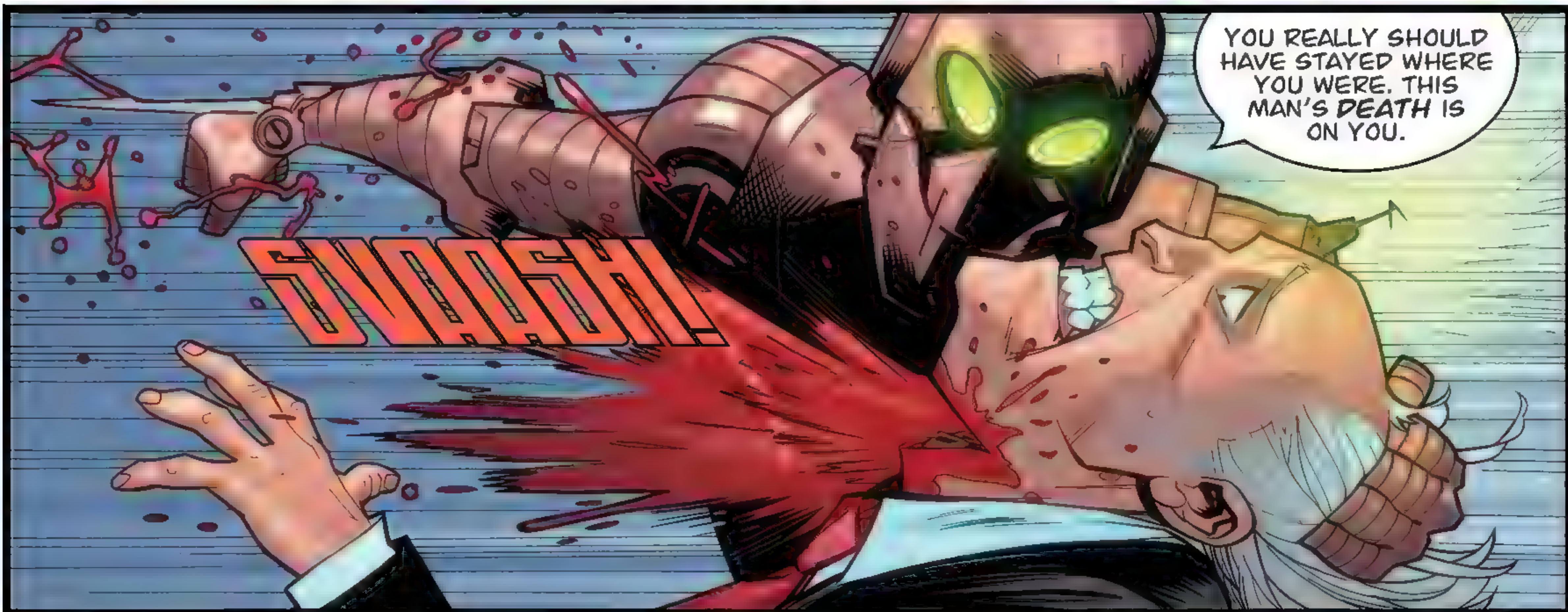
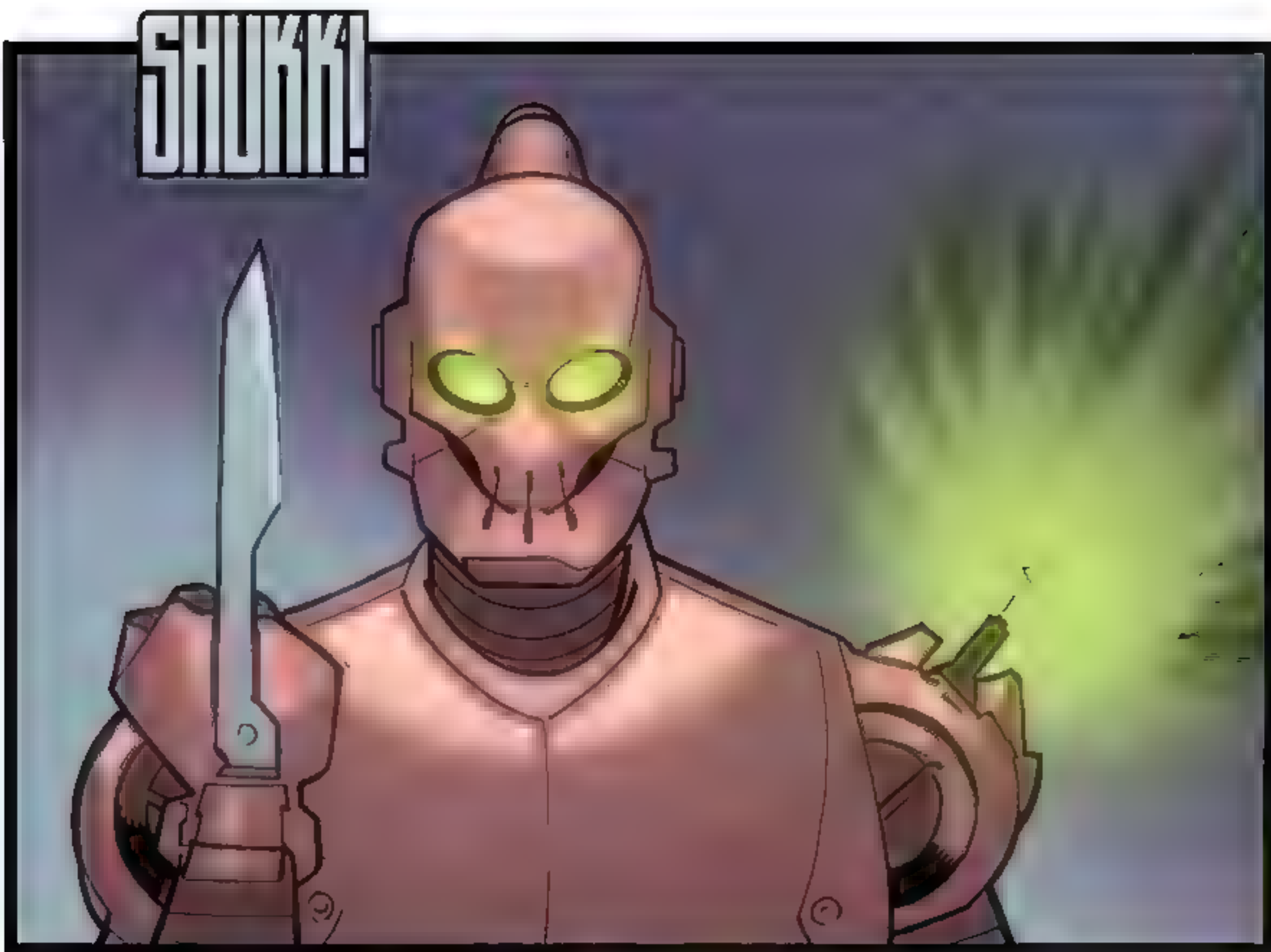
IN YOUR POSITION AS COORDINATOR FOR ALL OUR SUPER-POWERED FACTIONS, IT WAS JUSTIFIED, BUT IN LIGHT OF THESE ACCUSATIONS IT RAISES SUSPICION.



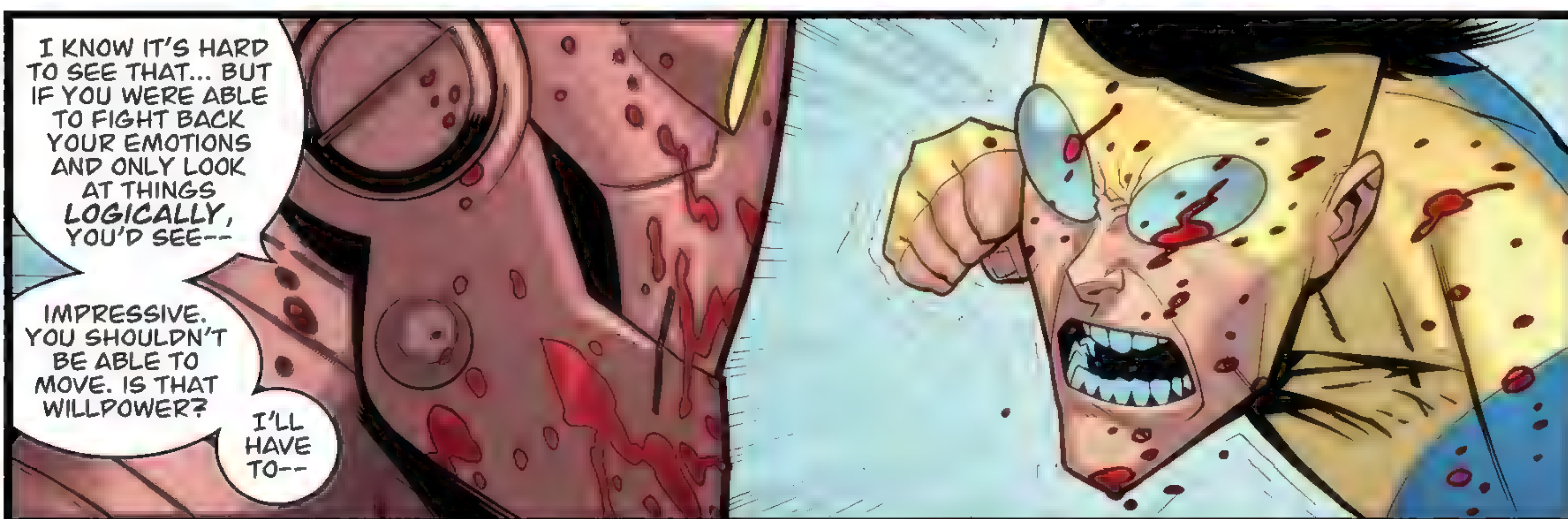
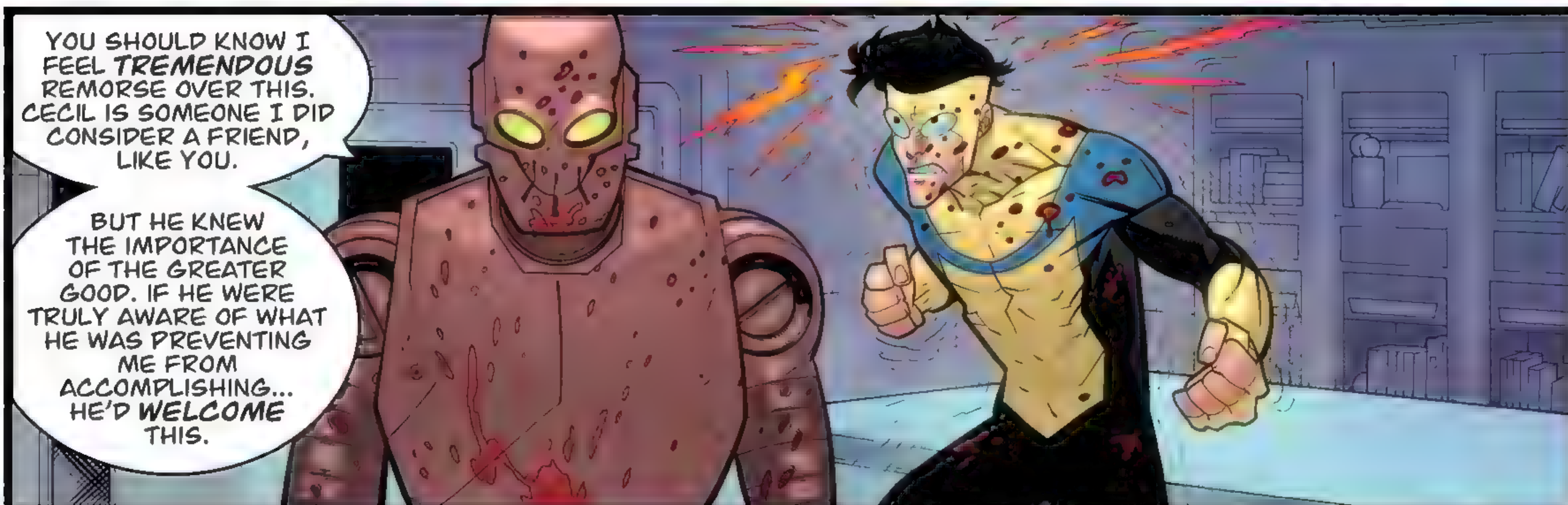
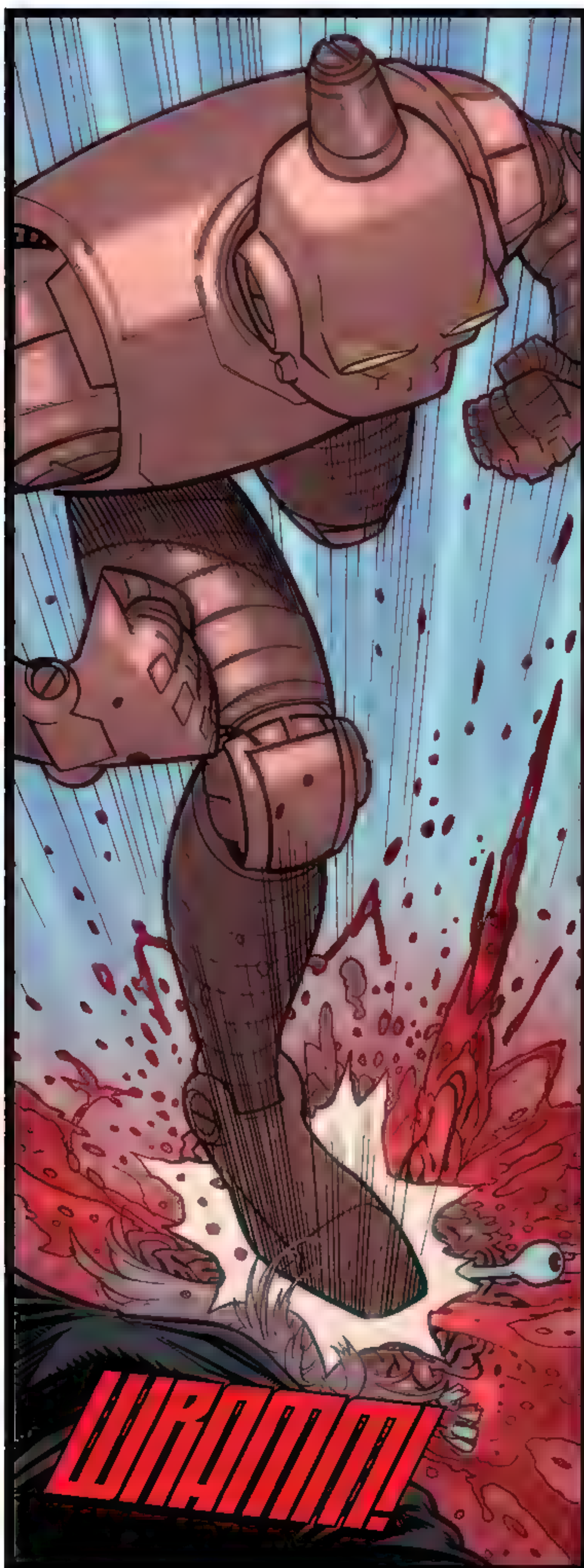
A PITY. I'D HOPED TO BE MUCH MORE PREPARED BEFORE I MADE MY MOVE.

OH, WELL.

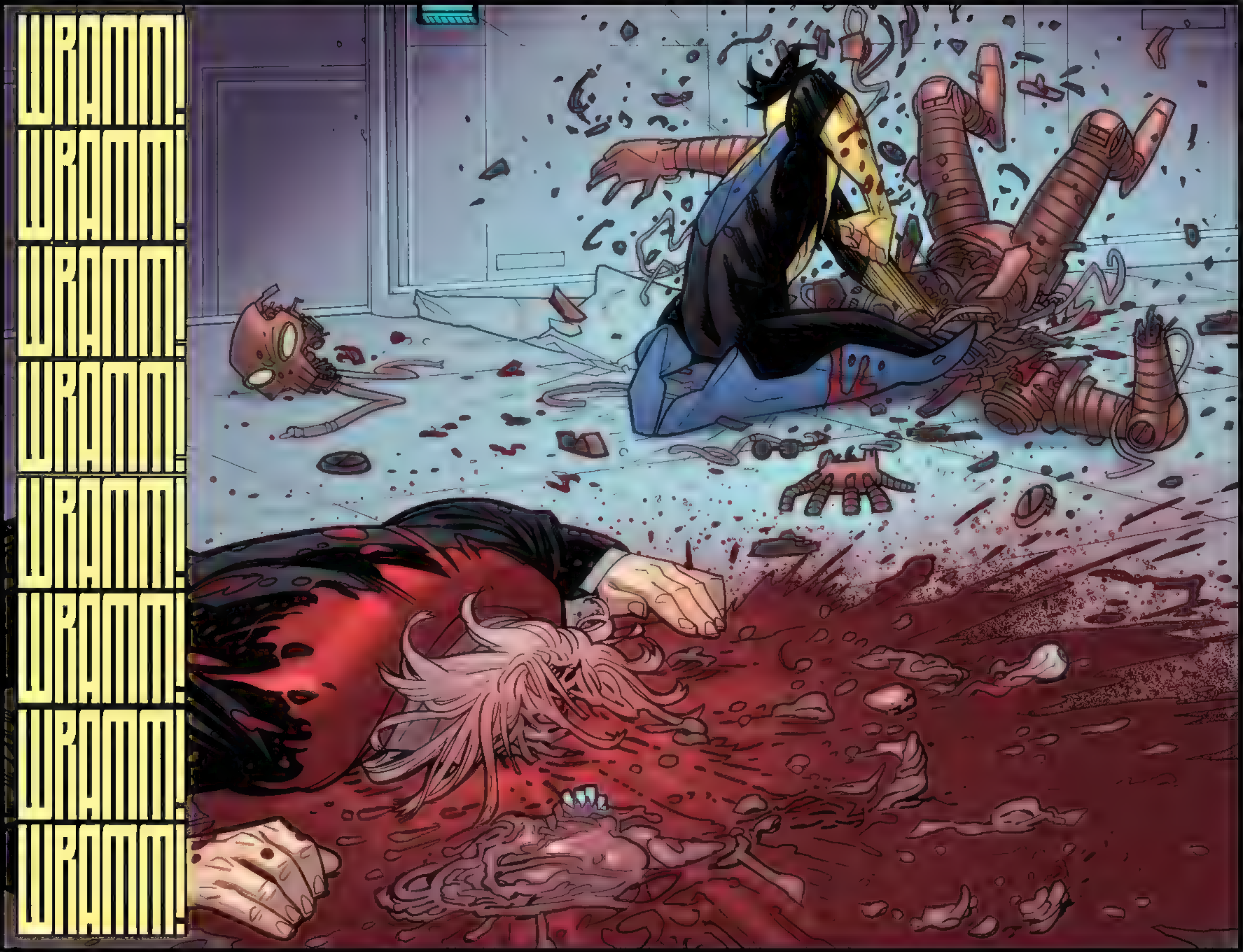
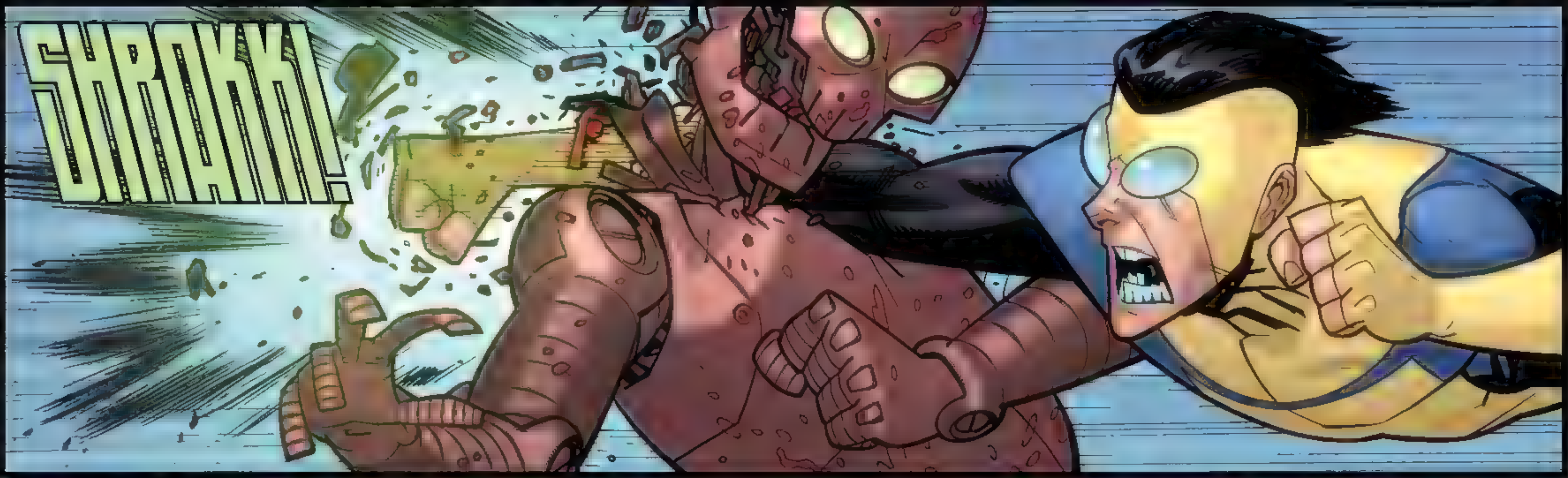








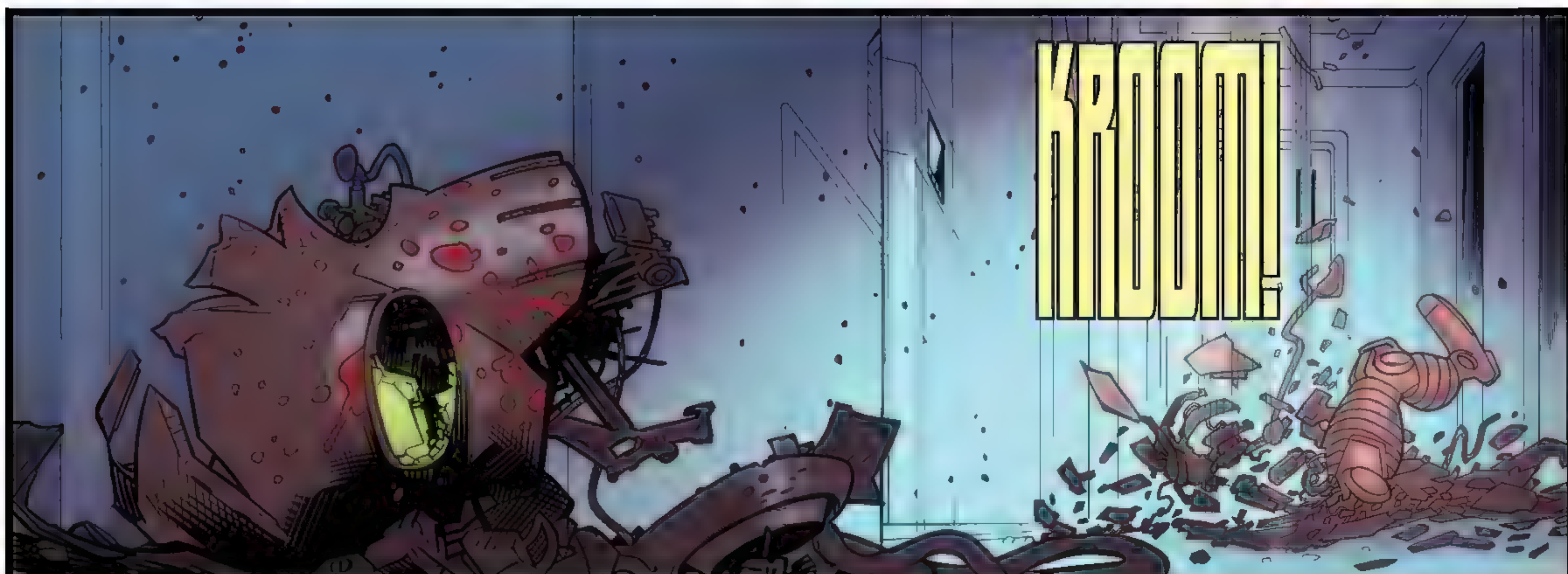
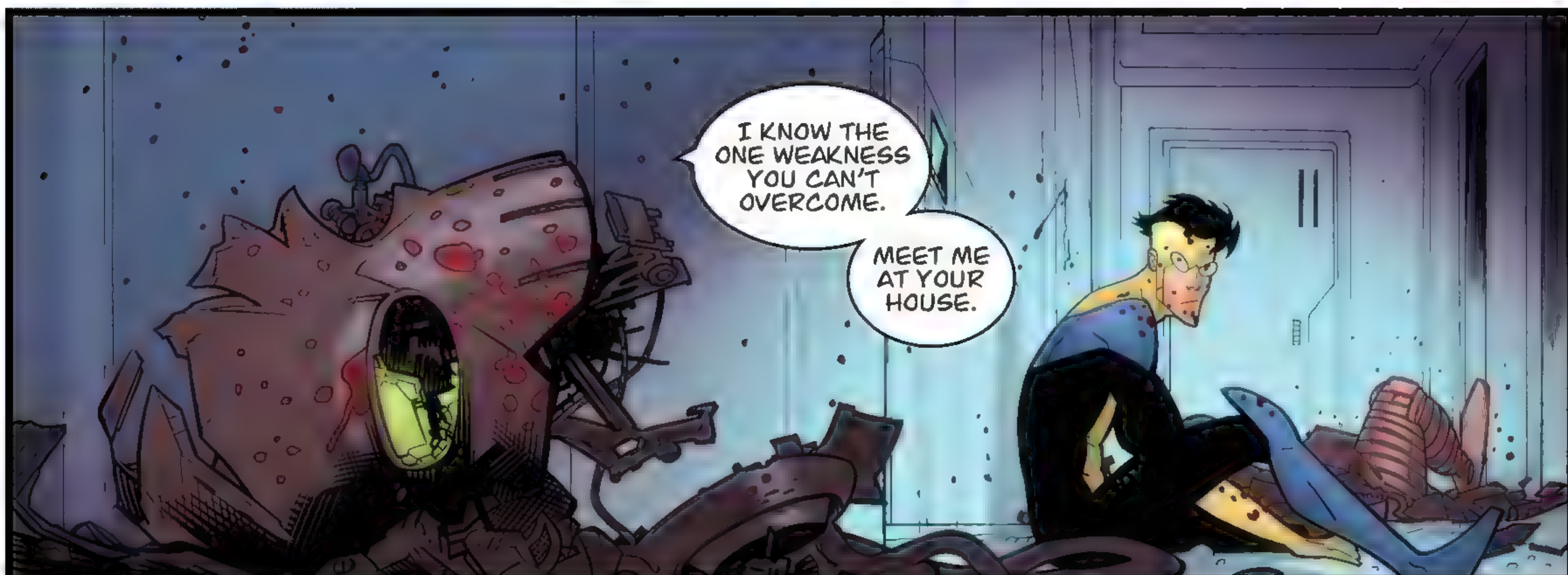




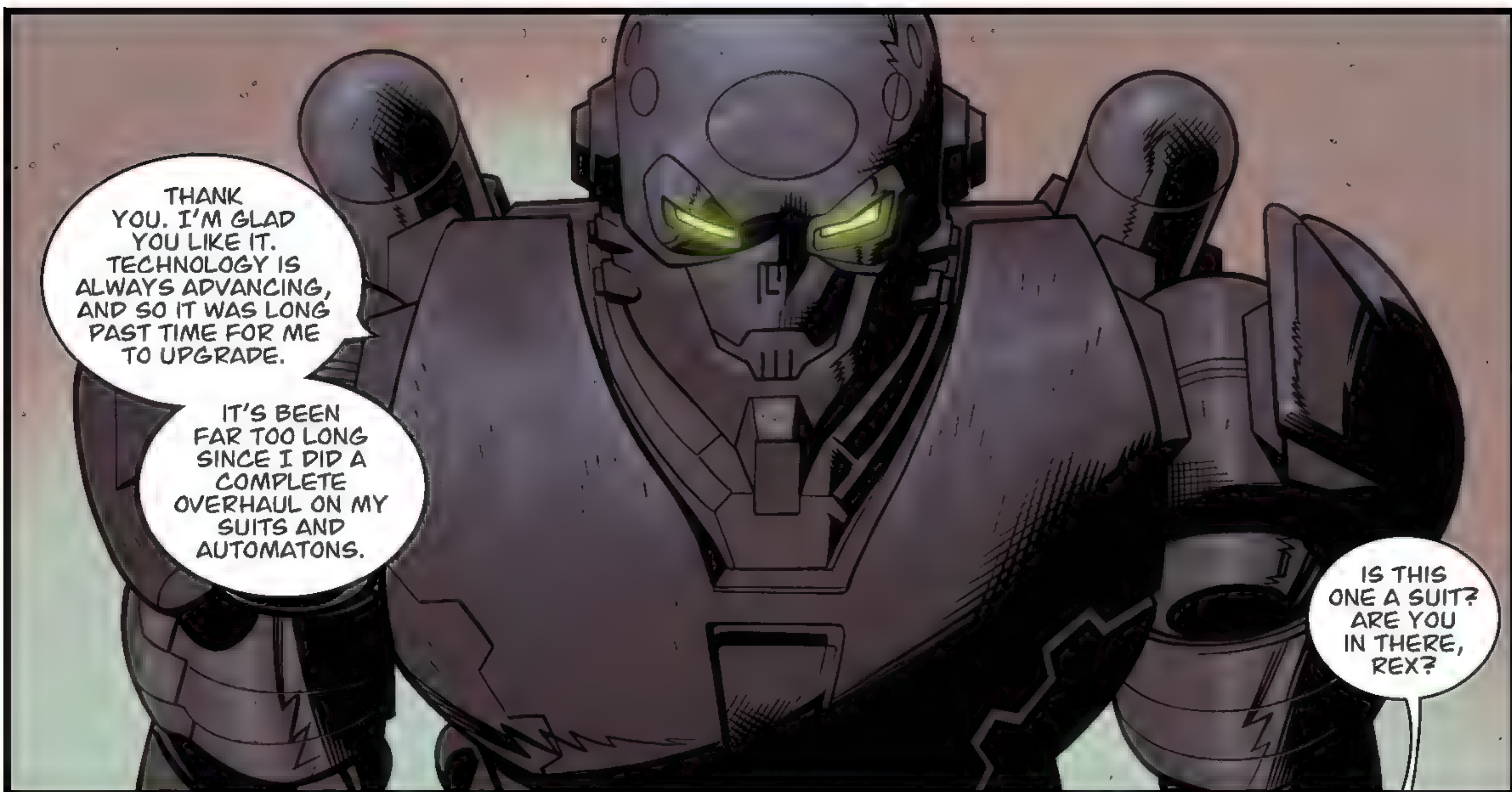




I SEE NOW THAT YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE EVERY BIT  
THE PROBLEM I  
SUSPECTED  
YOU'D BE.







THANK  
YOU. I'M GLAD  
YOU LIKE IT.  
TECHNOLOGY IS  
ALWAYS ADVANCING,  
AND SO IT WAS LONG  
PAST TIME FOR ME  
TO UPGRADE.

IT'S BEEN  
FAR TOO LONG  
SINCE I DID A  
COMPLETE  
OVERHAUL ON MY  
SUITS AND  
AUTOMATONS.

IS THIS  
ONE A SUIT?  
ARE YOU  
IN THERE,  
REX?

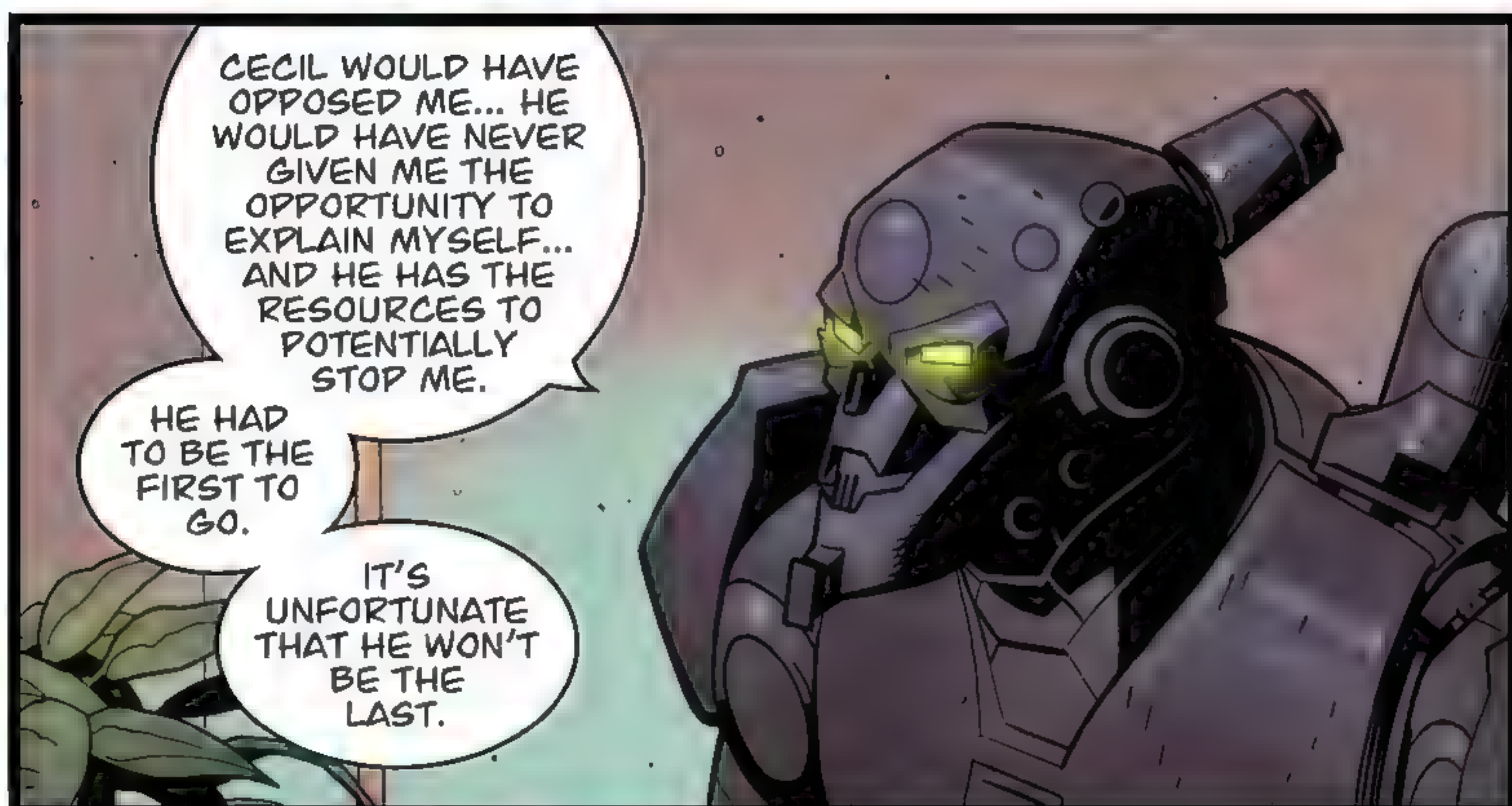


EVE, GET  
BEHIND ME--  
HURRY!

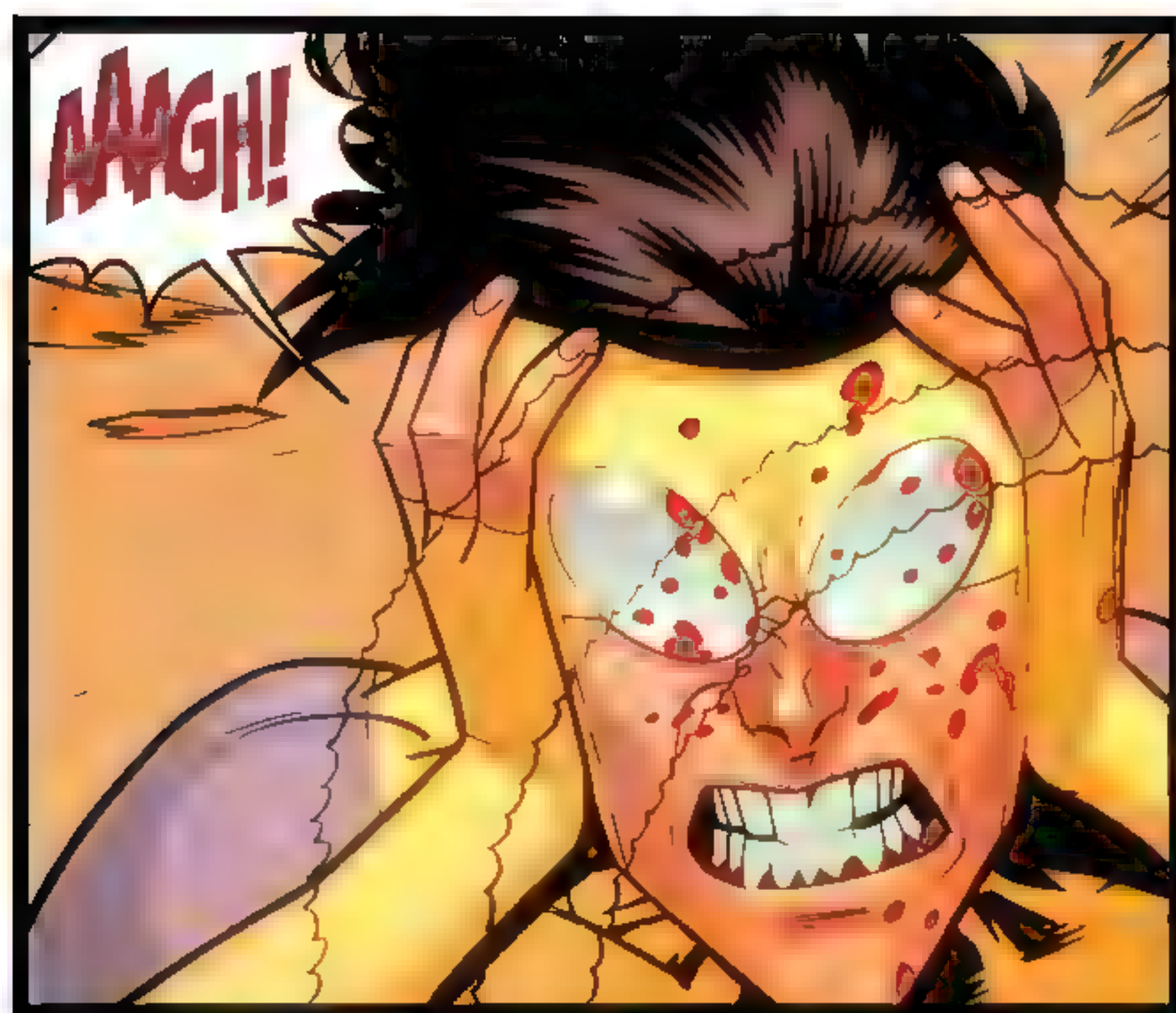
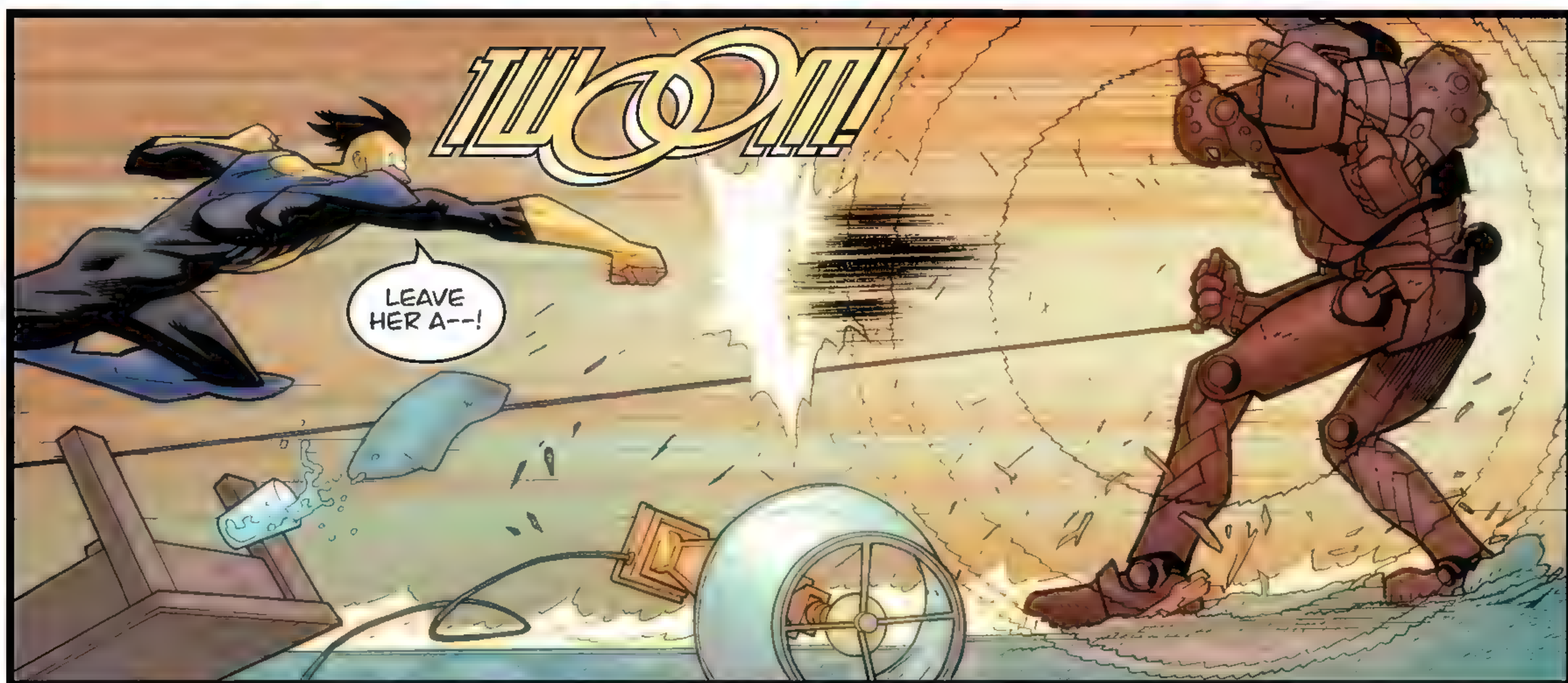
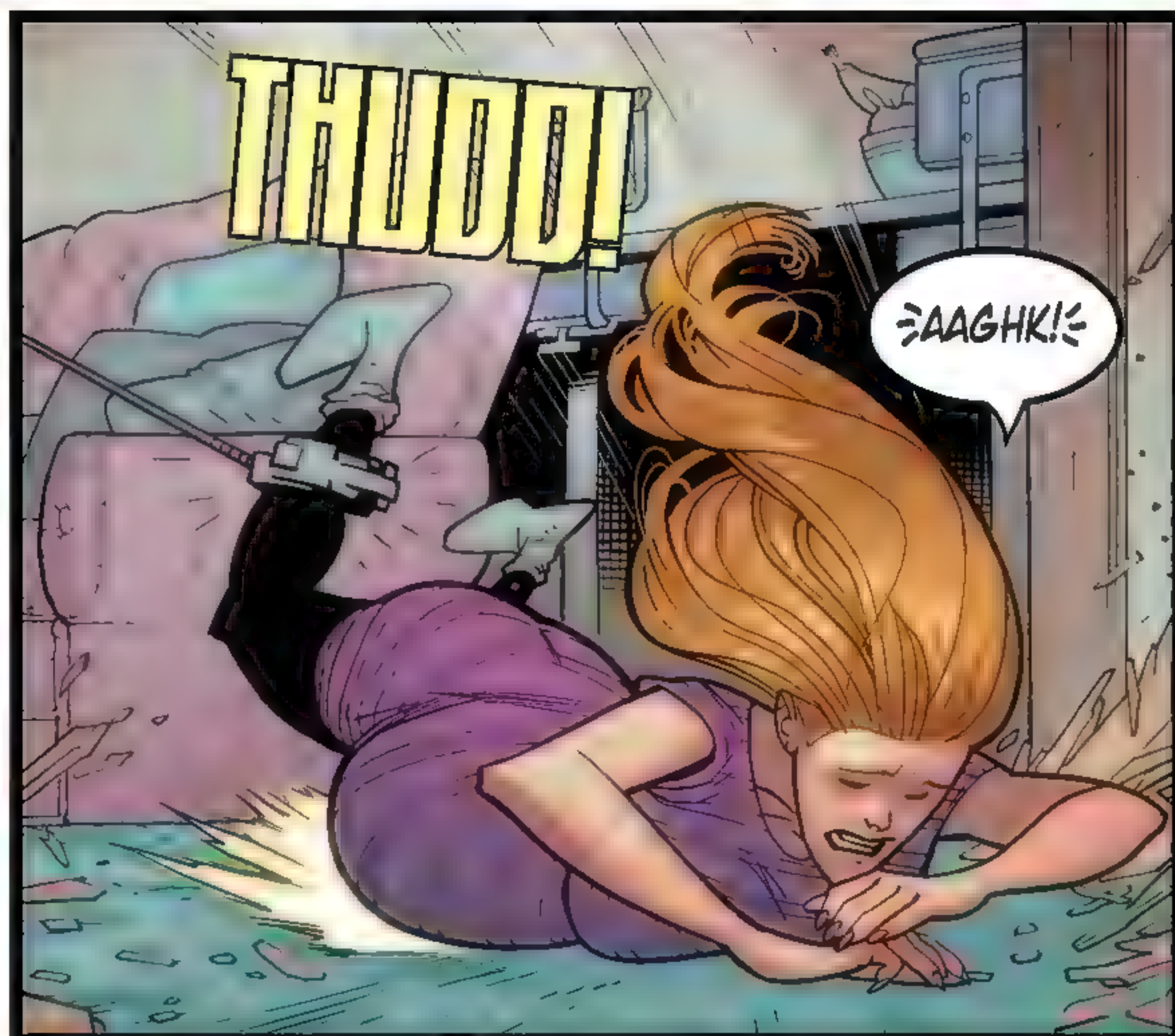
I'D  
RATHER  
NOT SAY.

MARK?!  
WHAT  
IN--?!









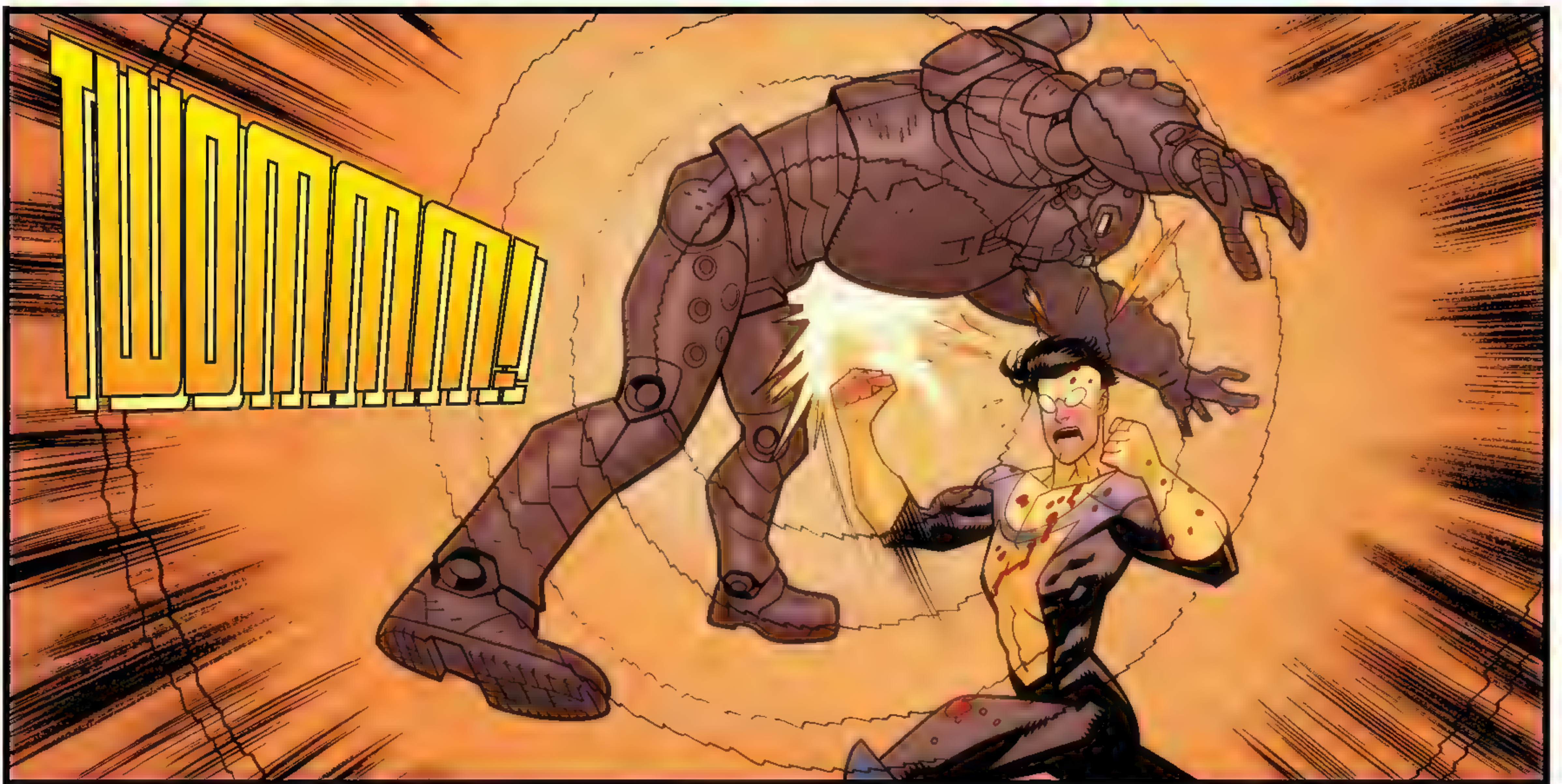


WHILE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF THIS SUIT, I KNEW IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSTRUCT ARMOR YOU COULDN'T DESTROY.

I FASHIONED THIS ARMOR FROM A VOLCANIC TEMPERED TITANIUM ALLOY I CREATED, WHICH I BELIEVE TO NOW BE THE STRONGEST METAL ON EARTH. BUT I KNEW THAT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH...

SO I FASHIONED ALL THE PANELS TO THE EXACT ANGLES NEEDED TO PRODUCE A HIGH-PITCHED TONE UPON IMPACT THAT CAN BE DEADLY TO VILTRUMITES.

IF YOU HIT ME HARD ENOUGH -- IT COULD KILL YOU.



OKAY, SEE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.



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WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, REX?!

WHY?!

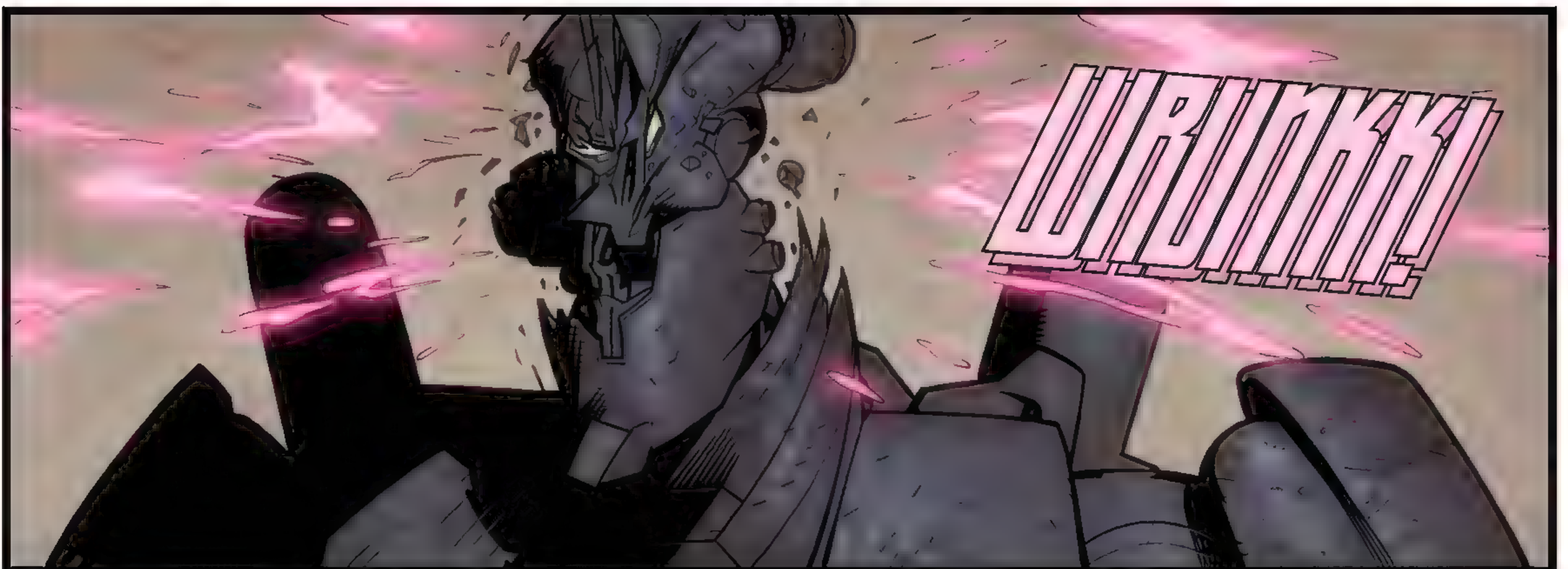
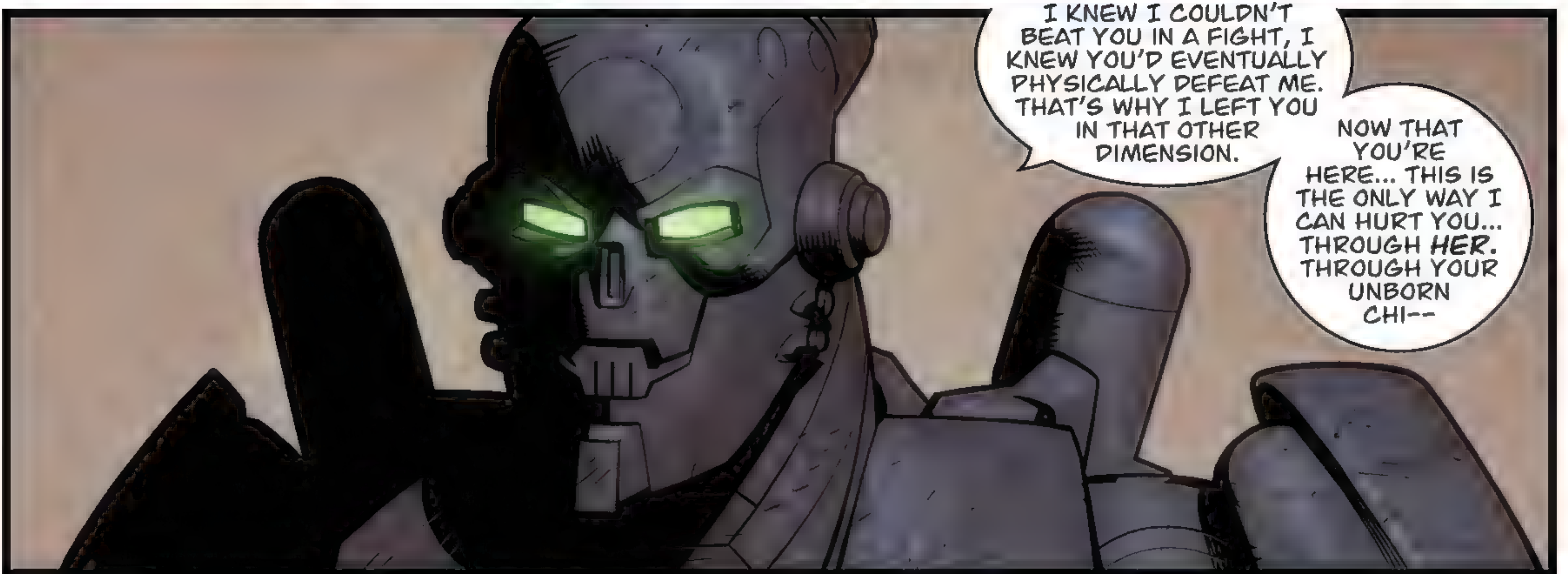
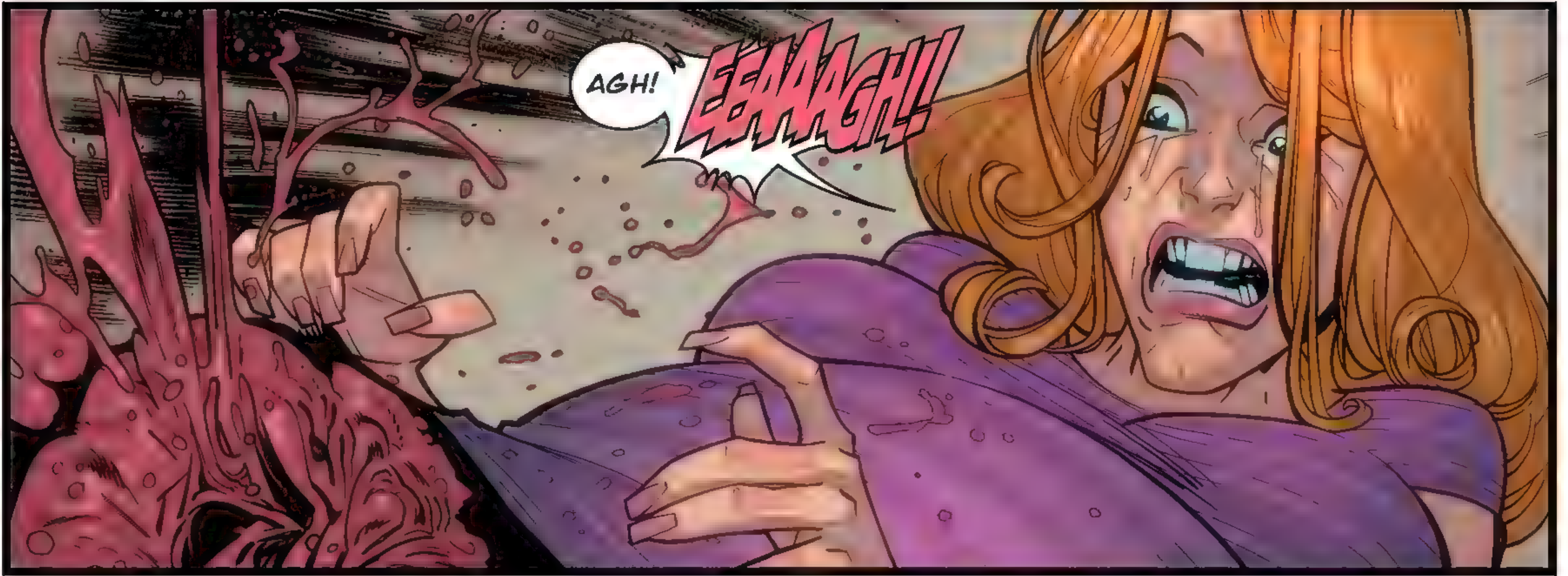




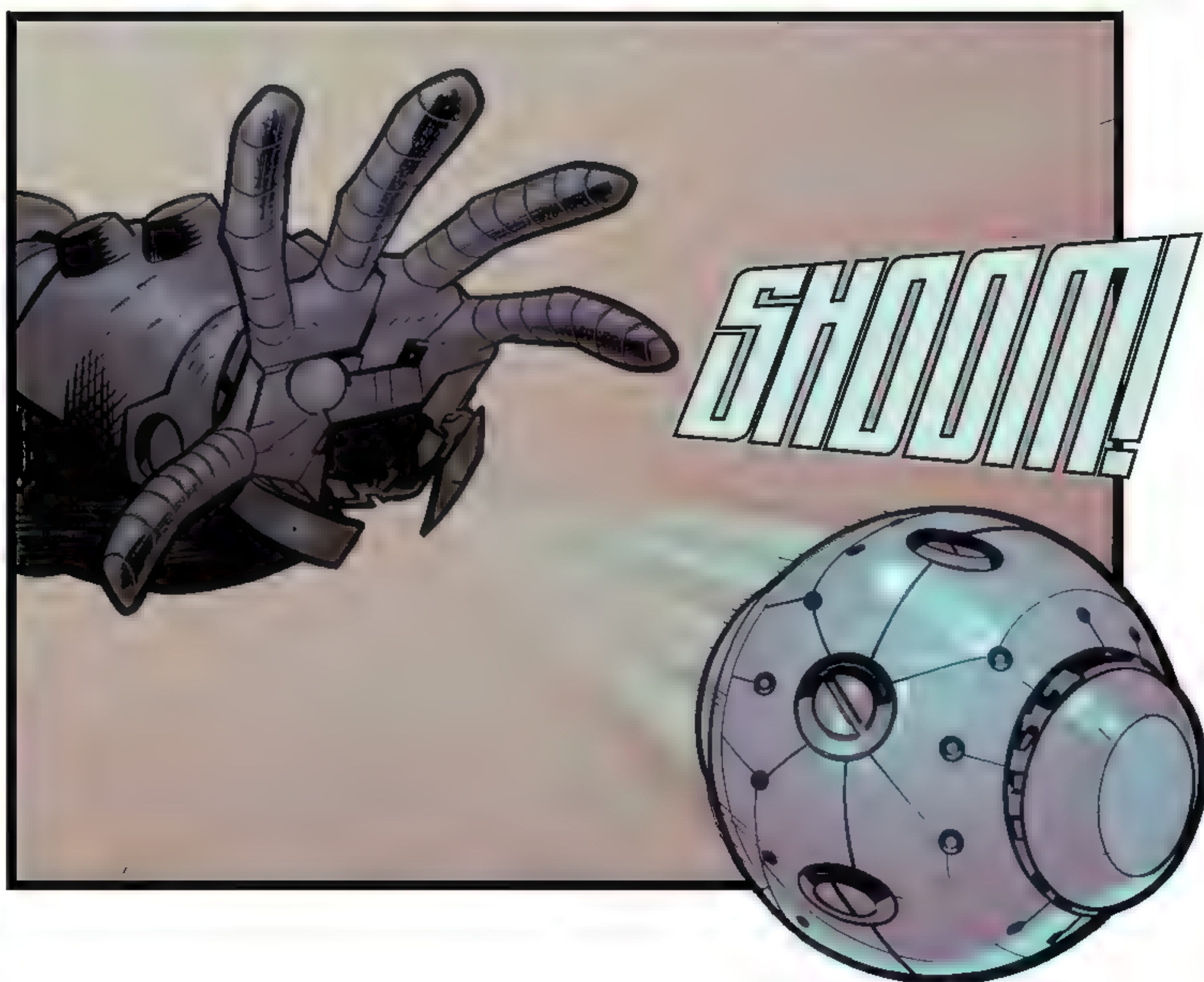
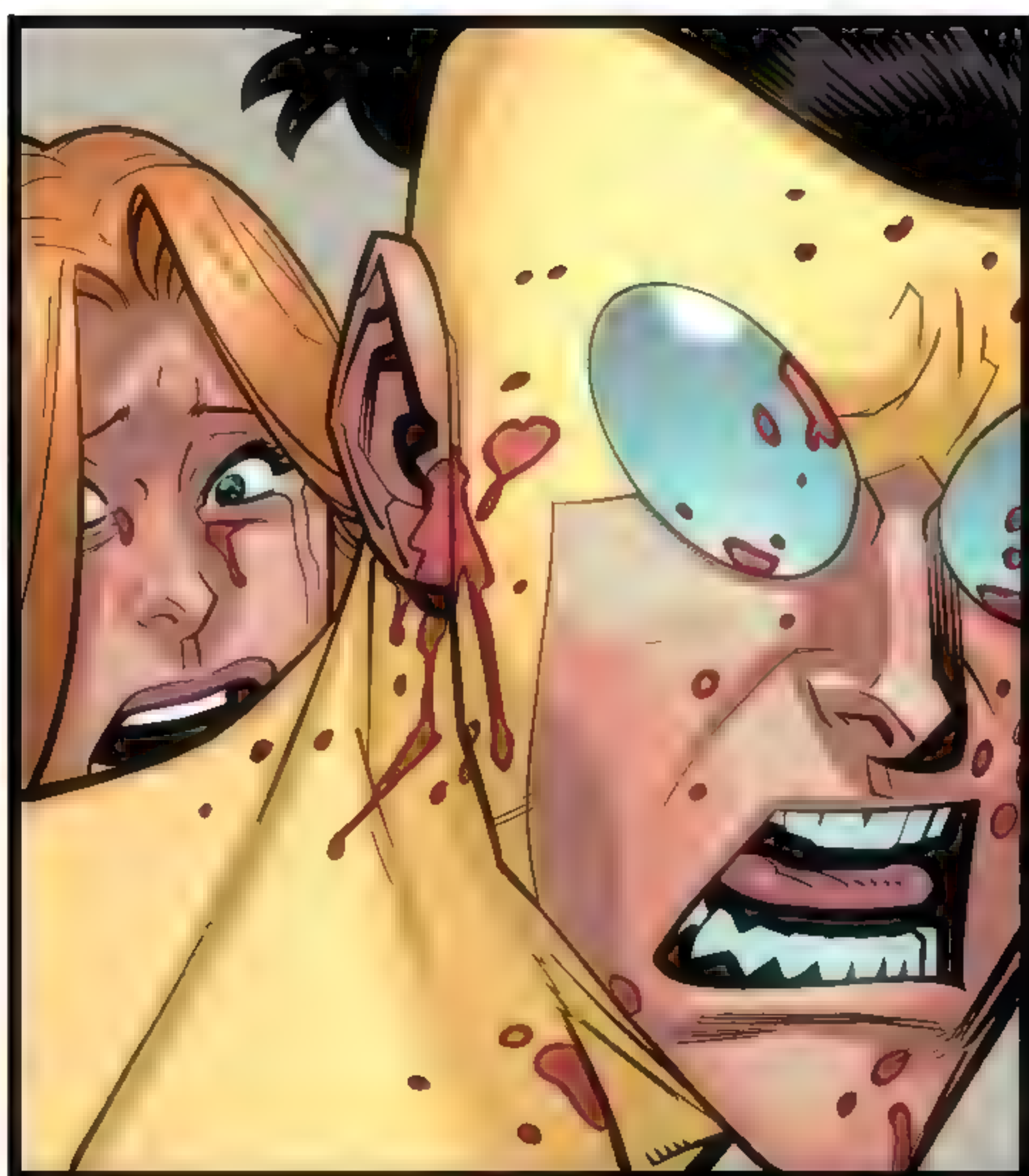
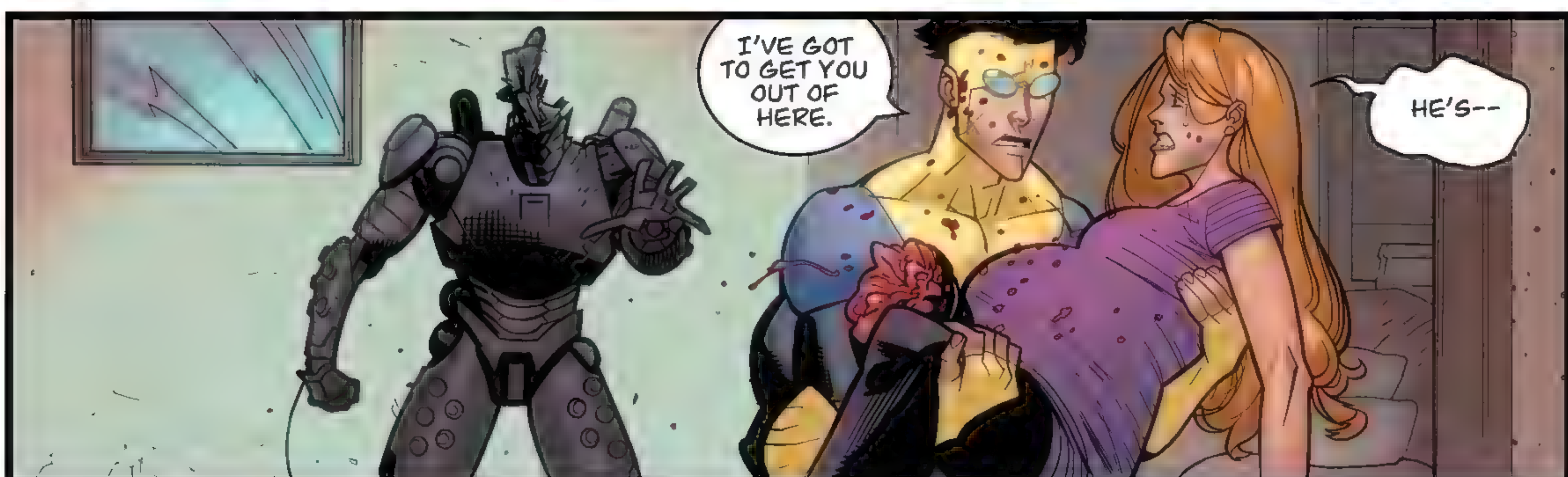
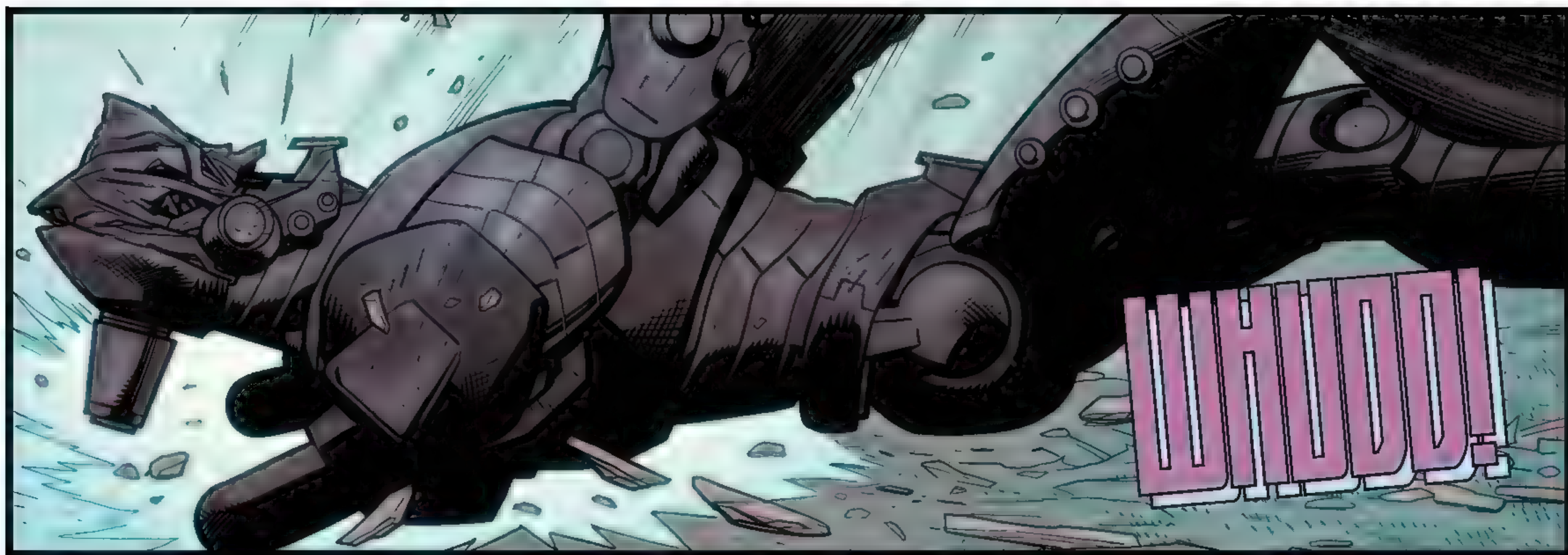
SHUT  
UP.

SPANG!

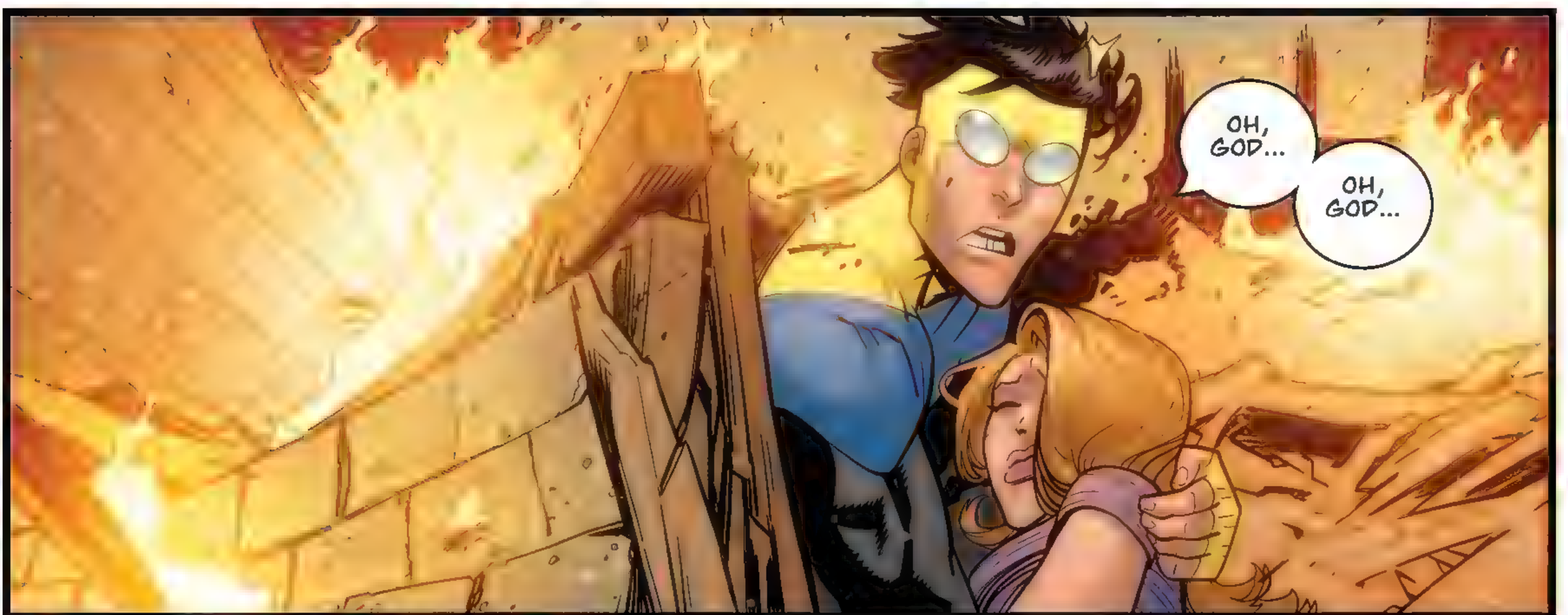




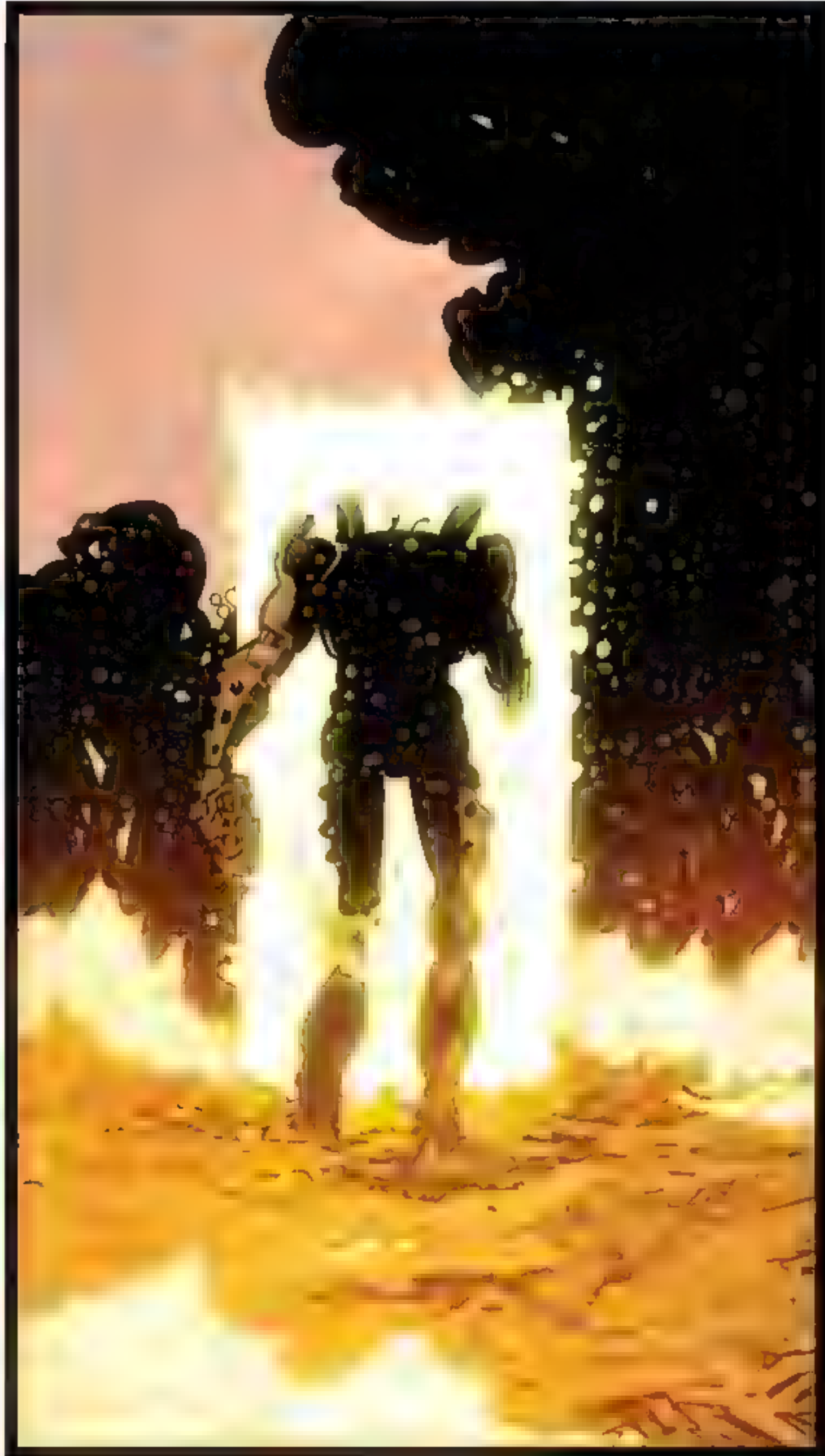




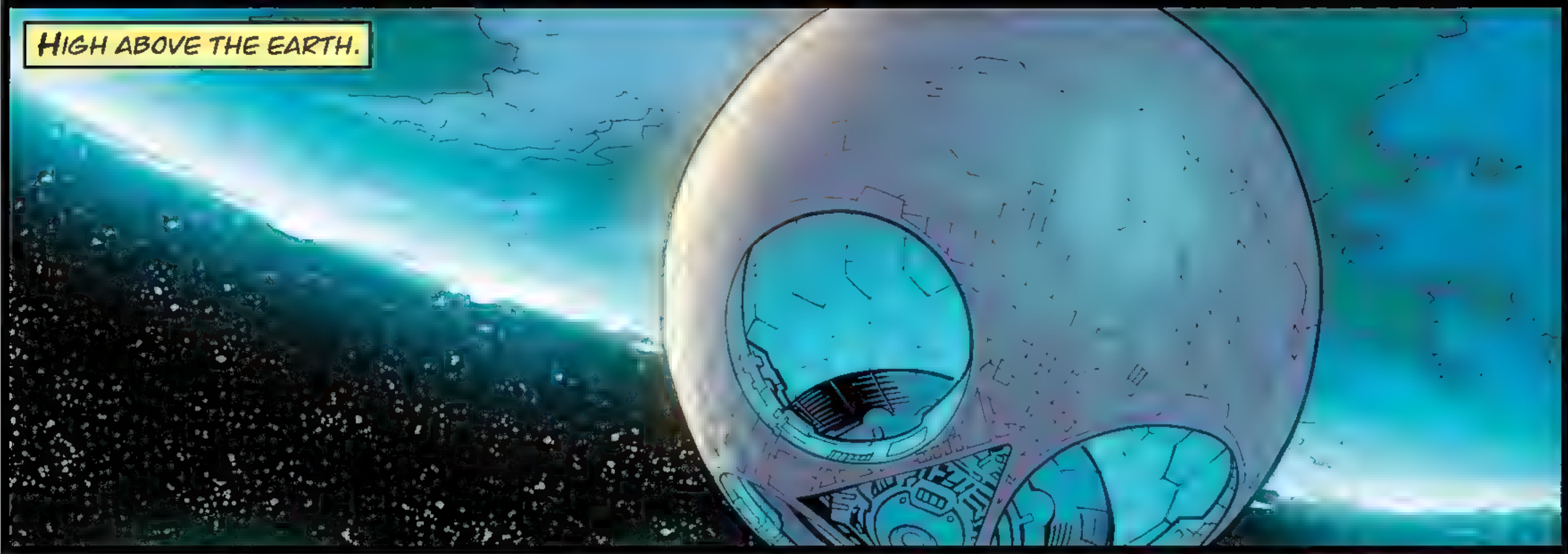




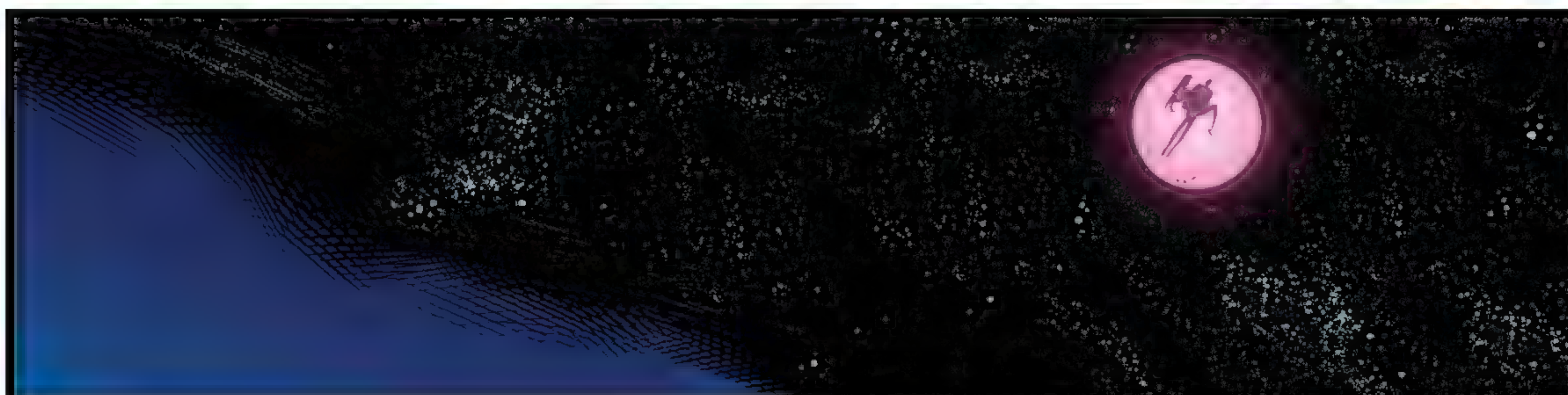
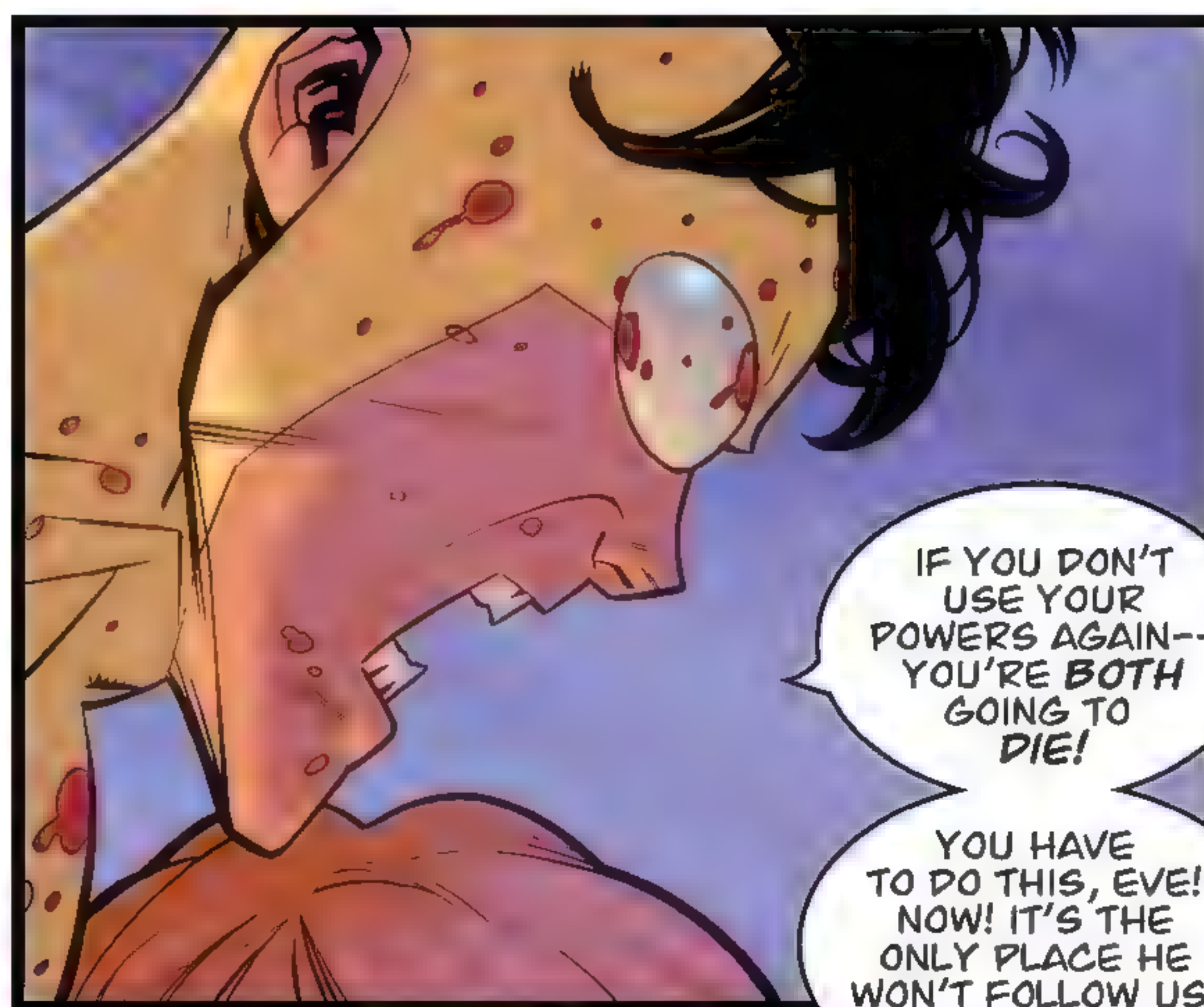
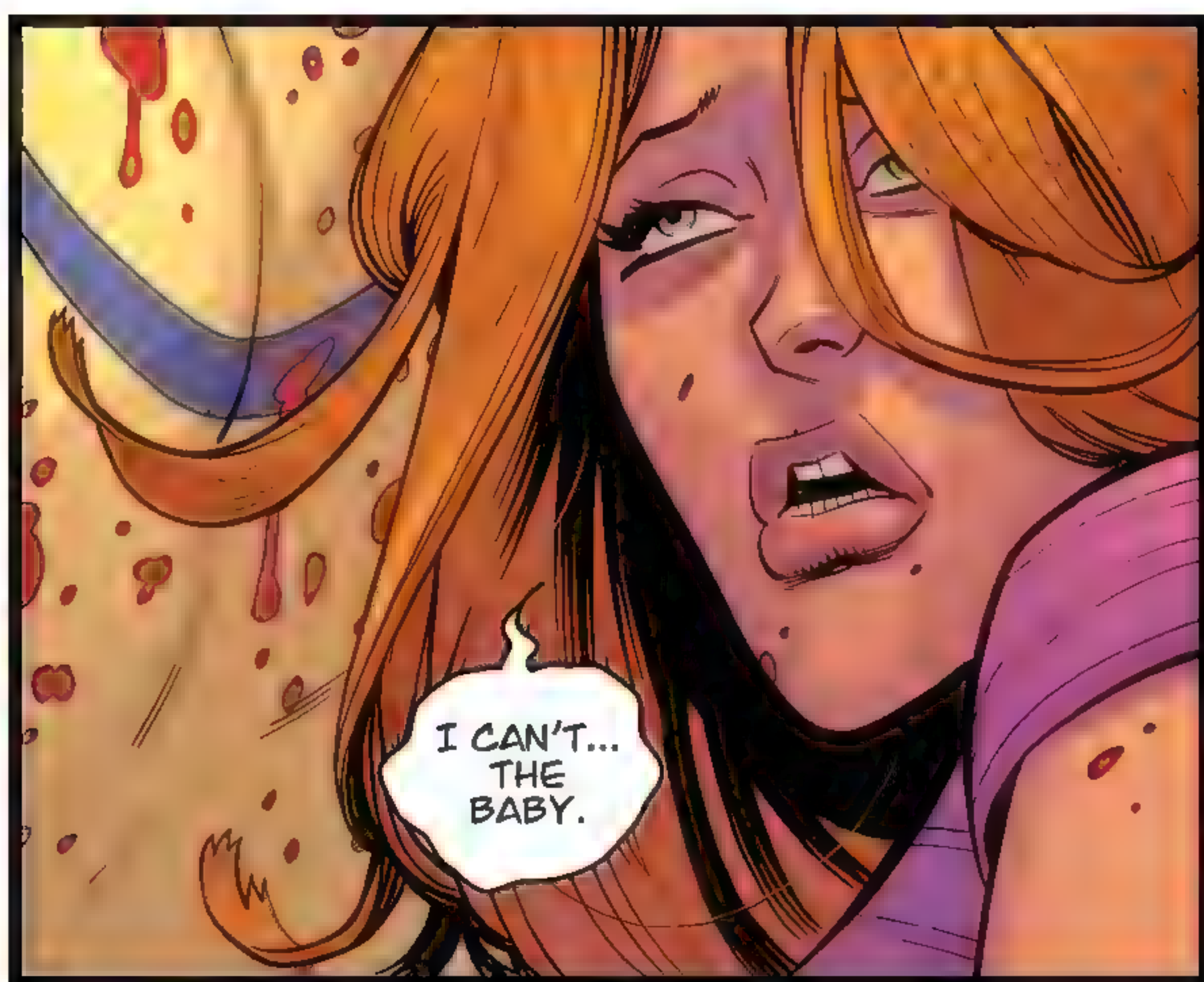




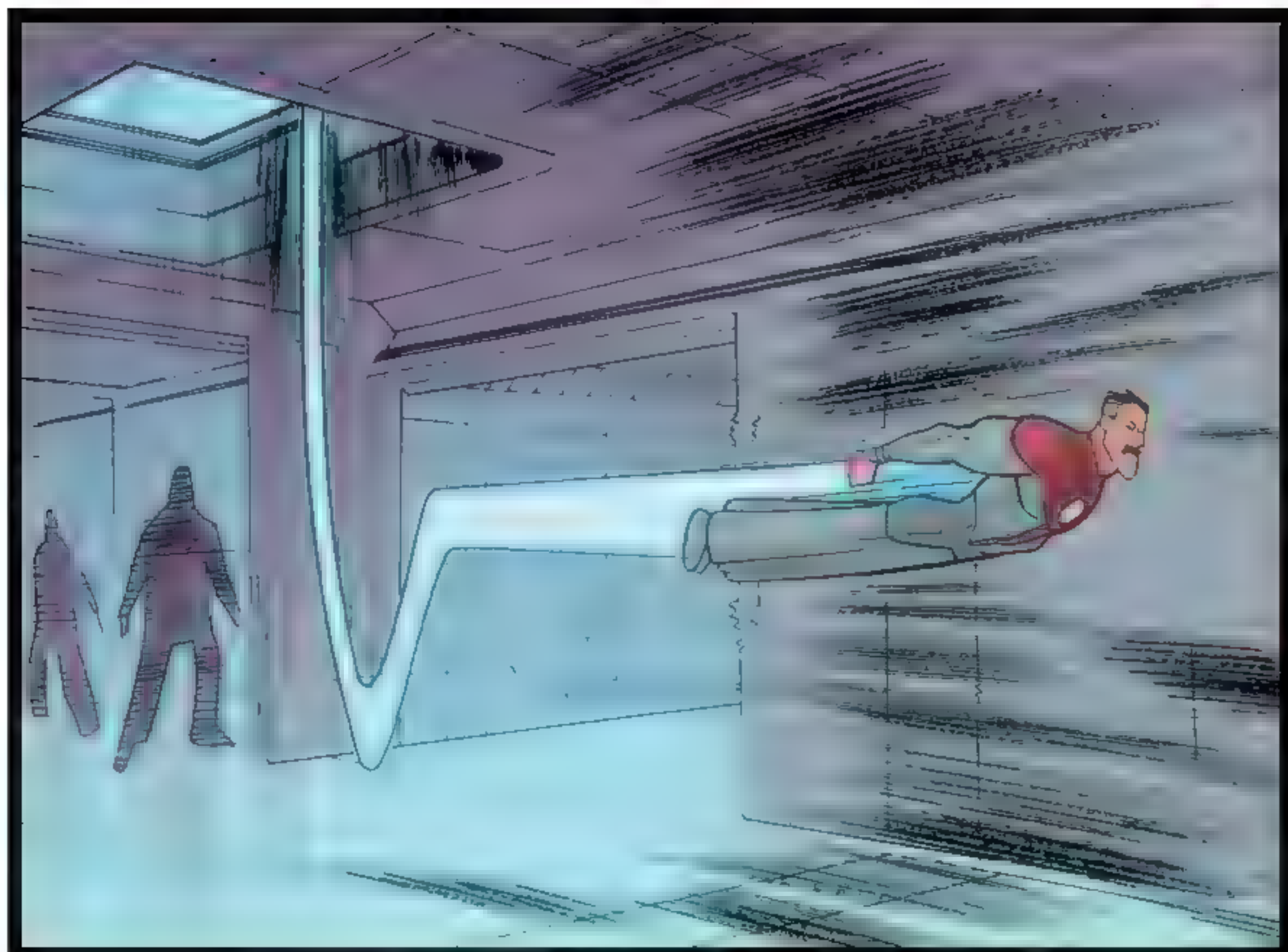
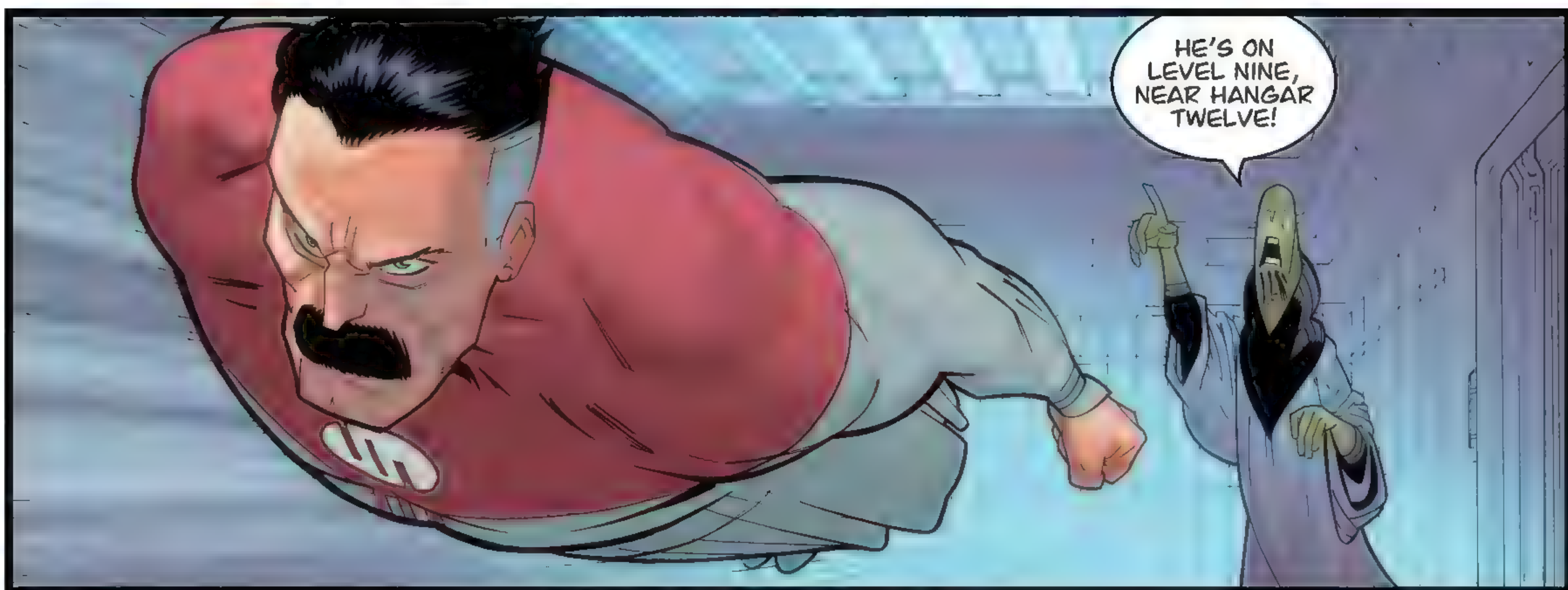
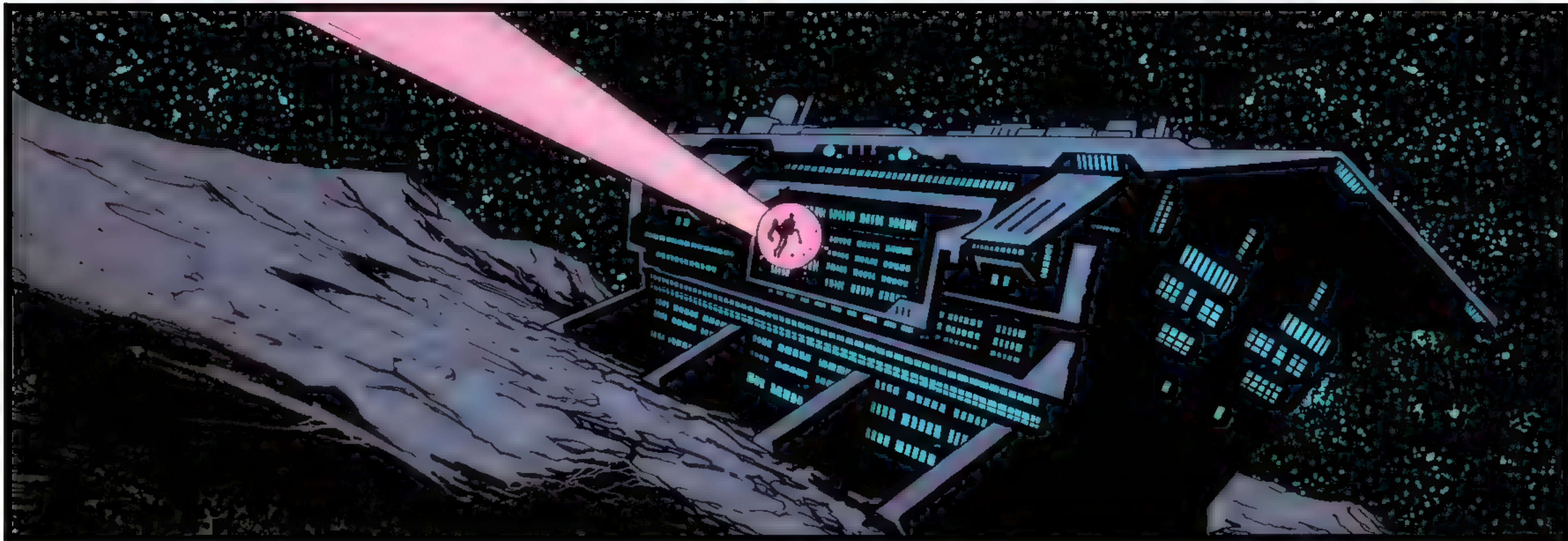
















HELP...





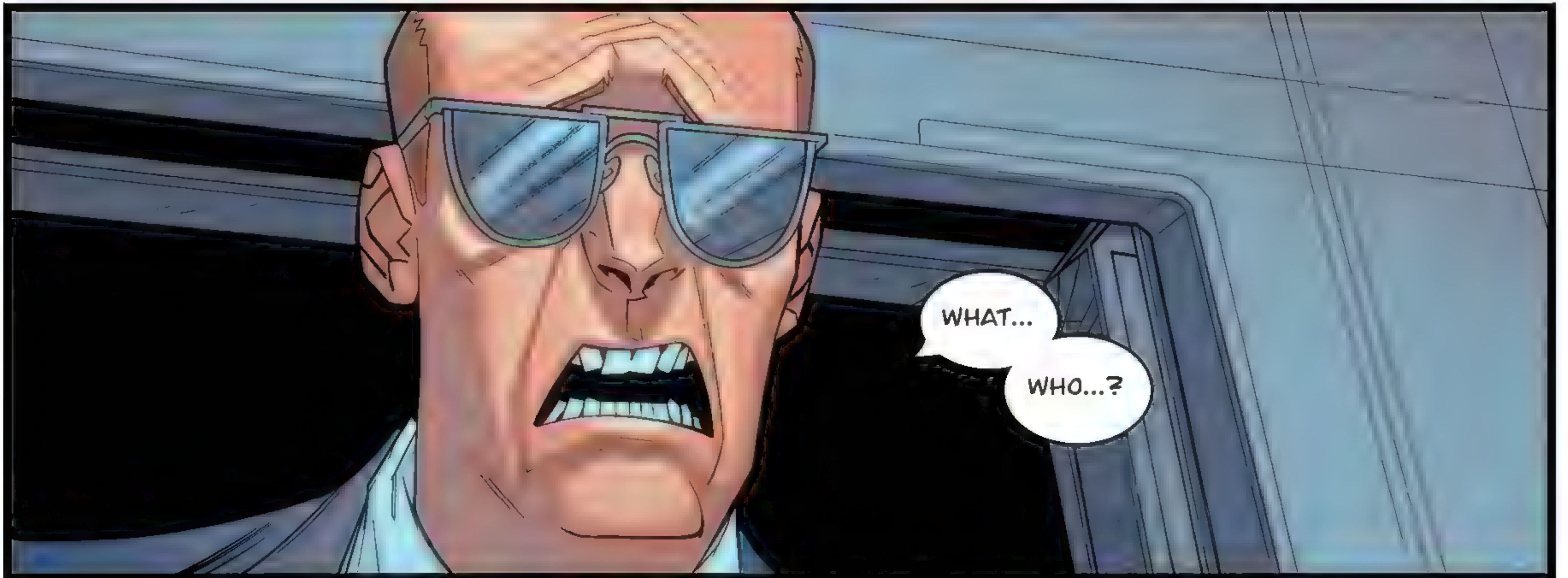
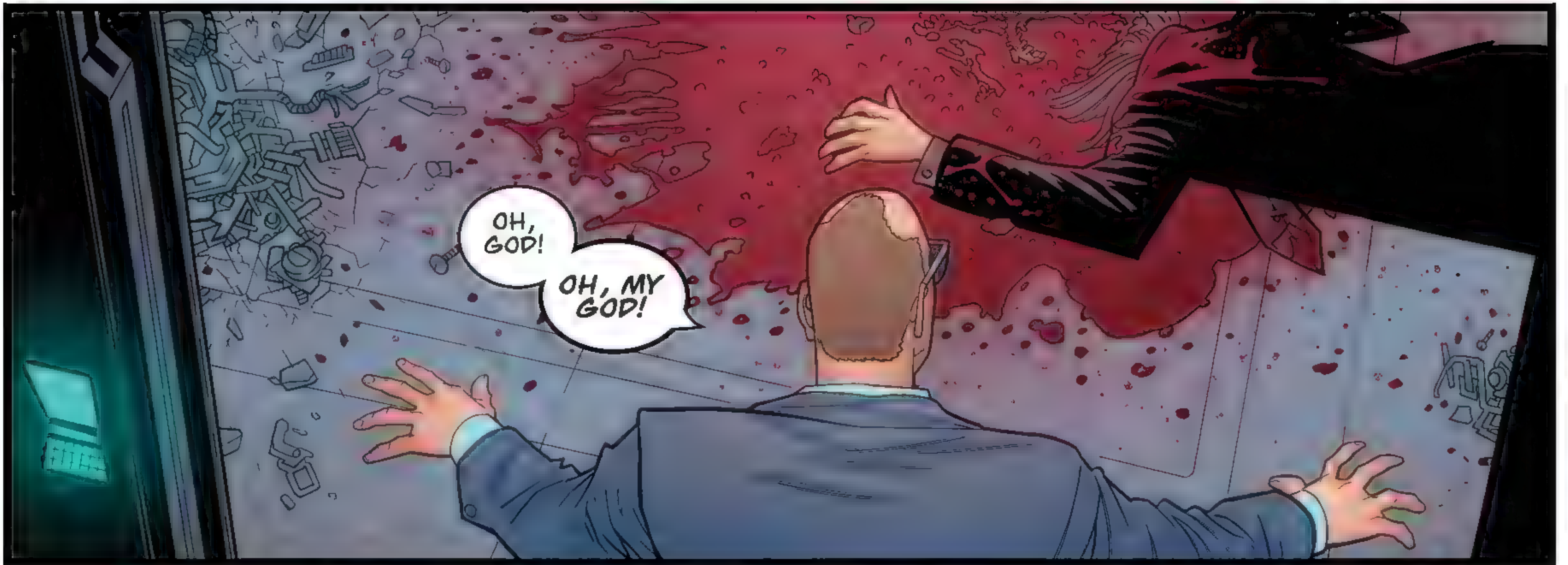




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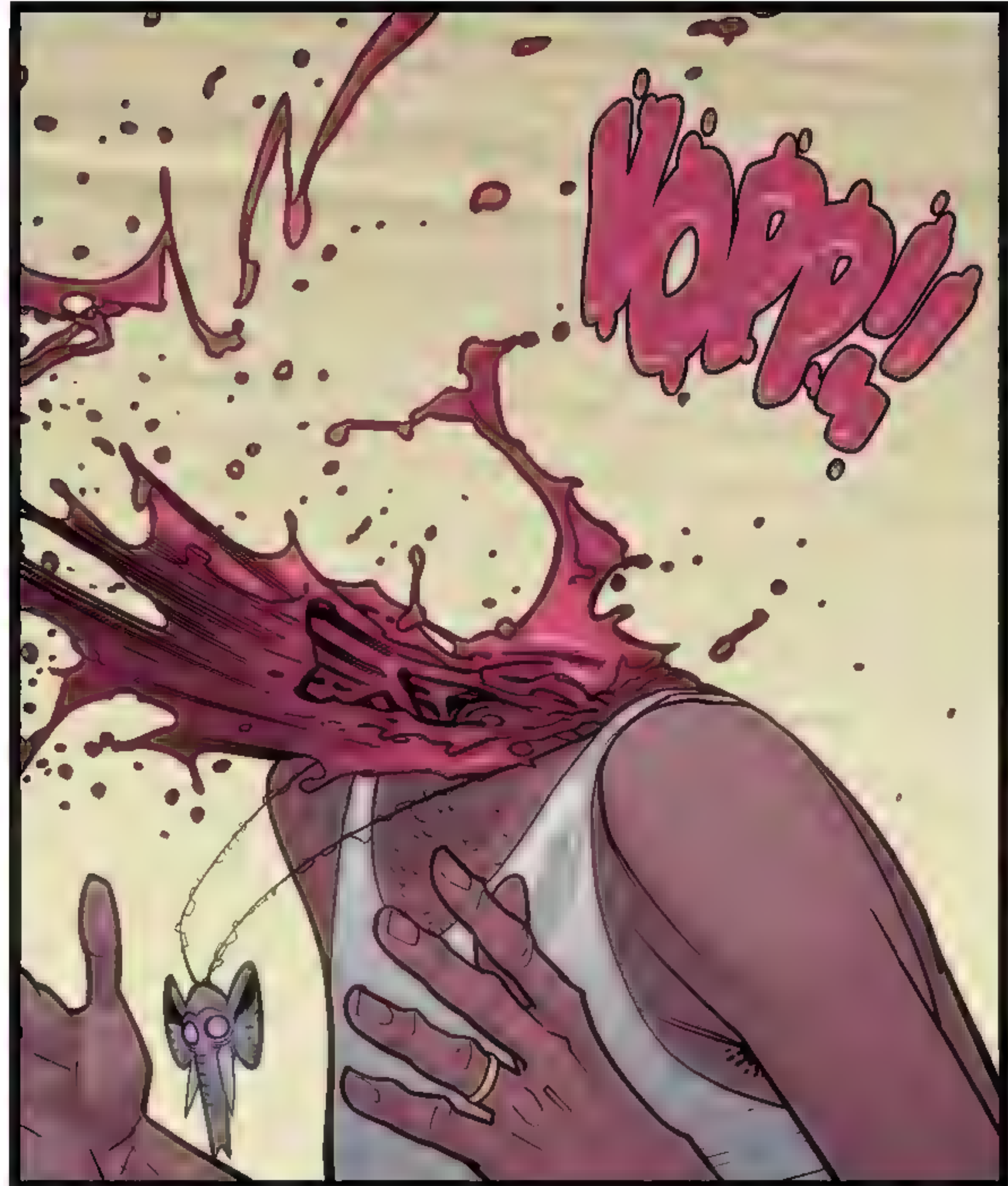
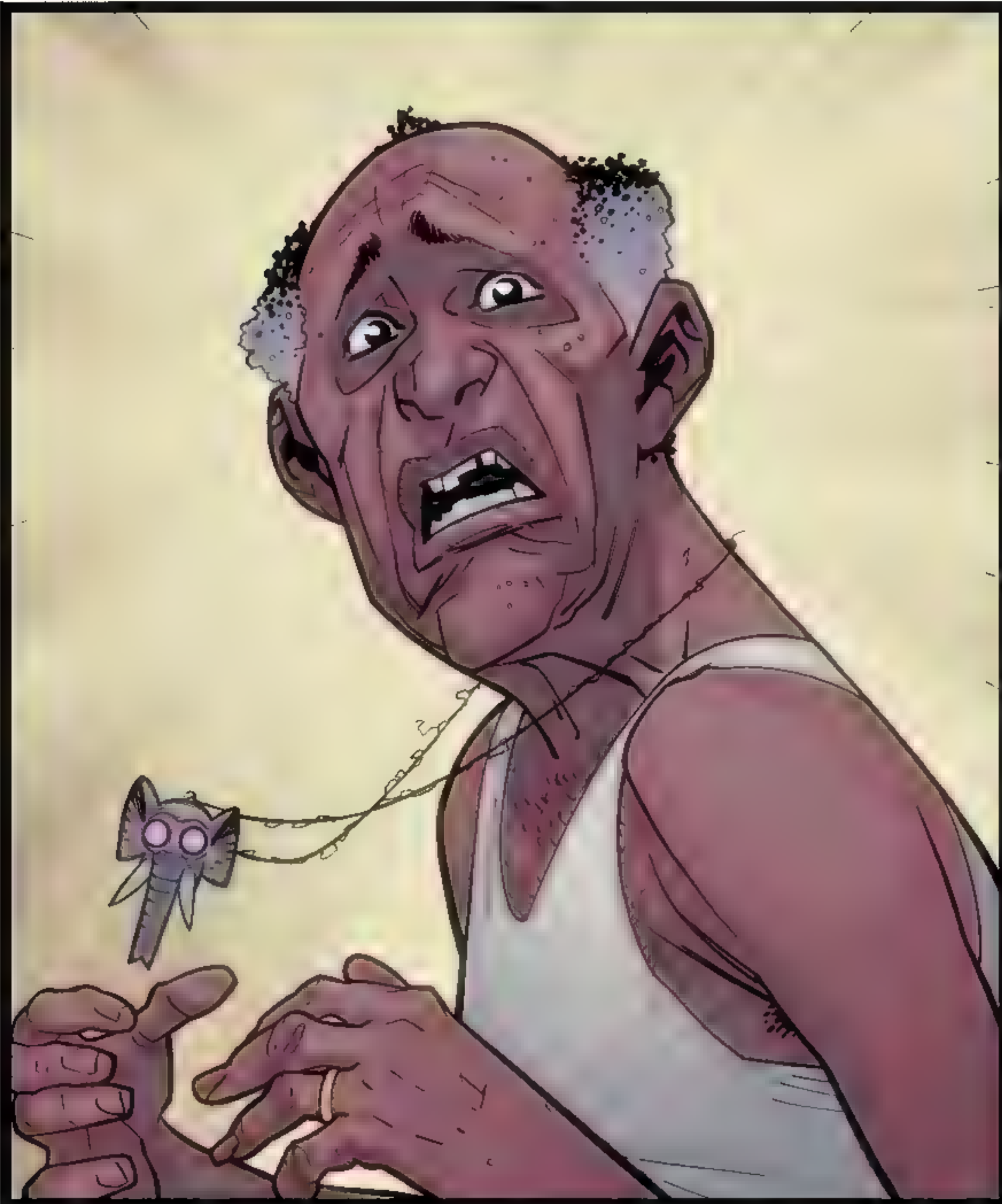
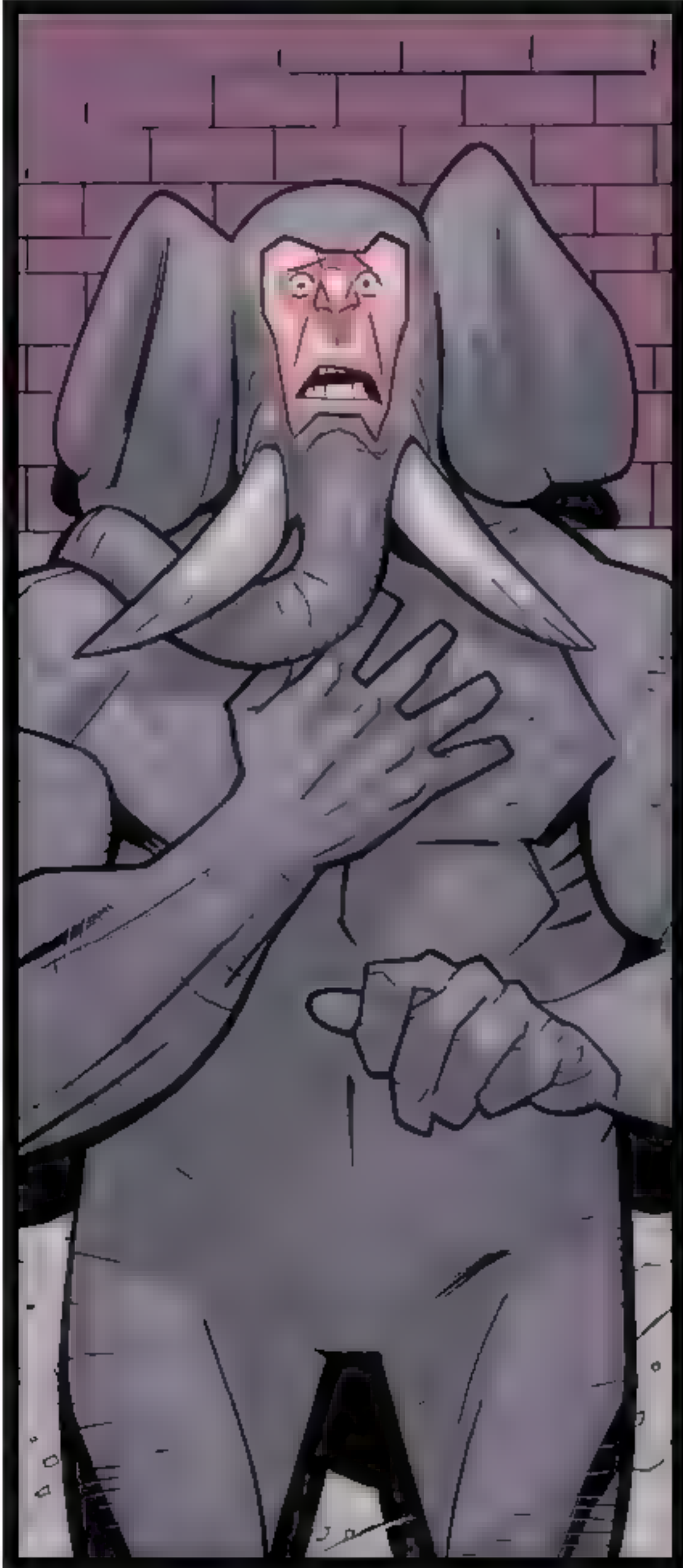




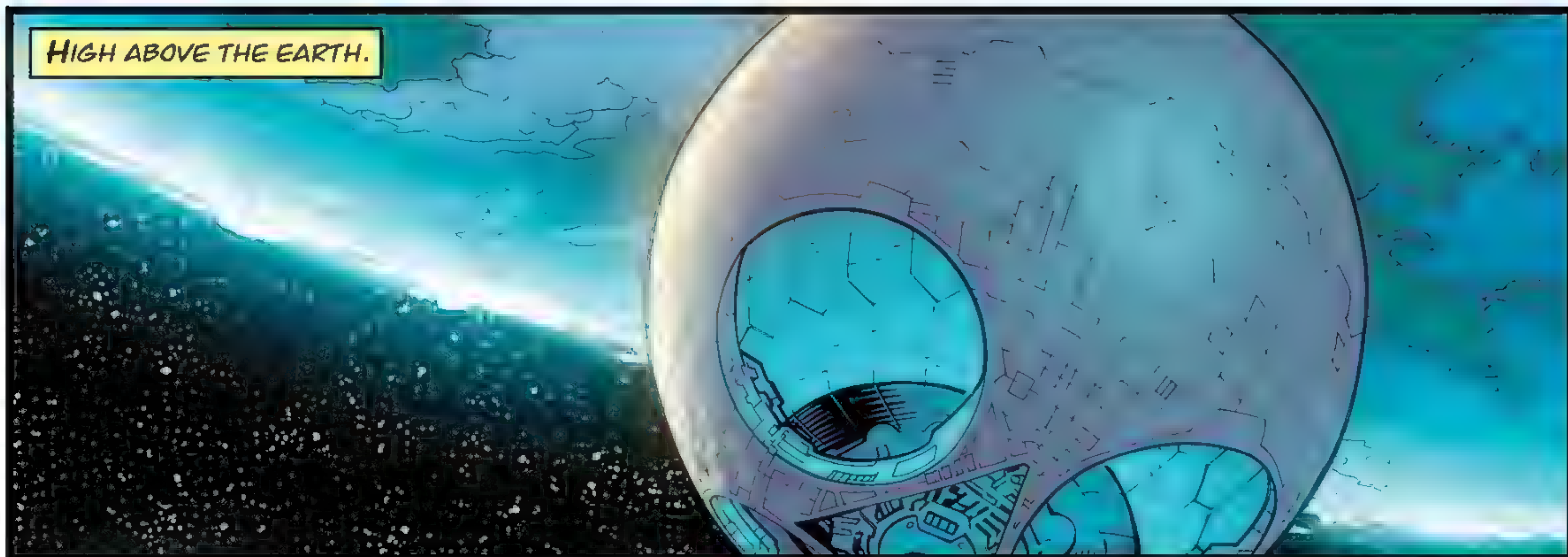




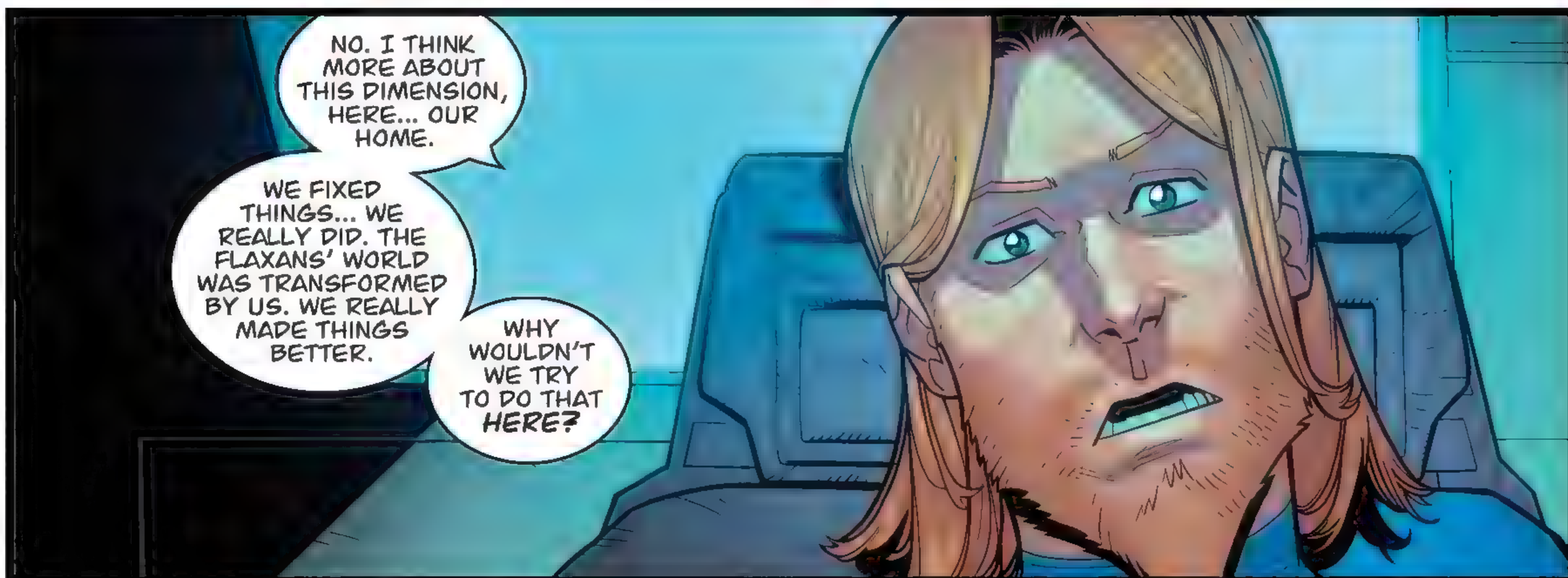
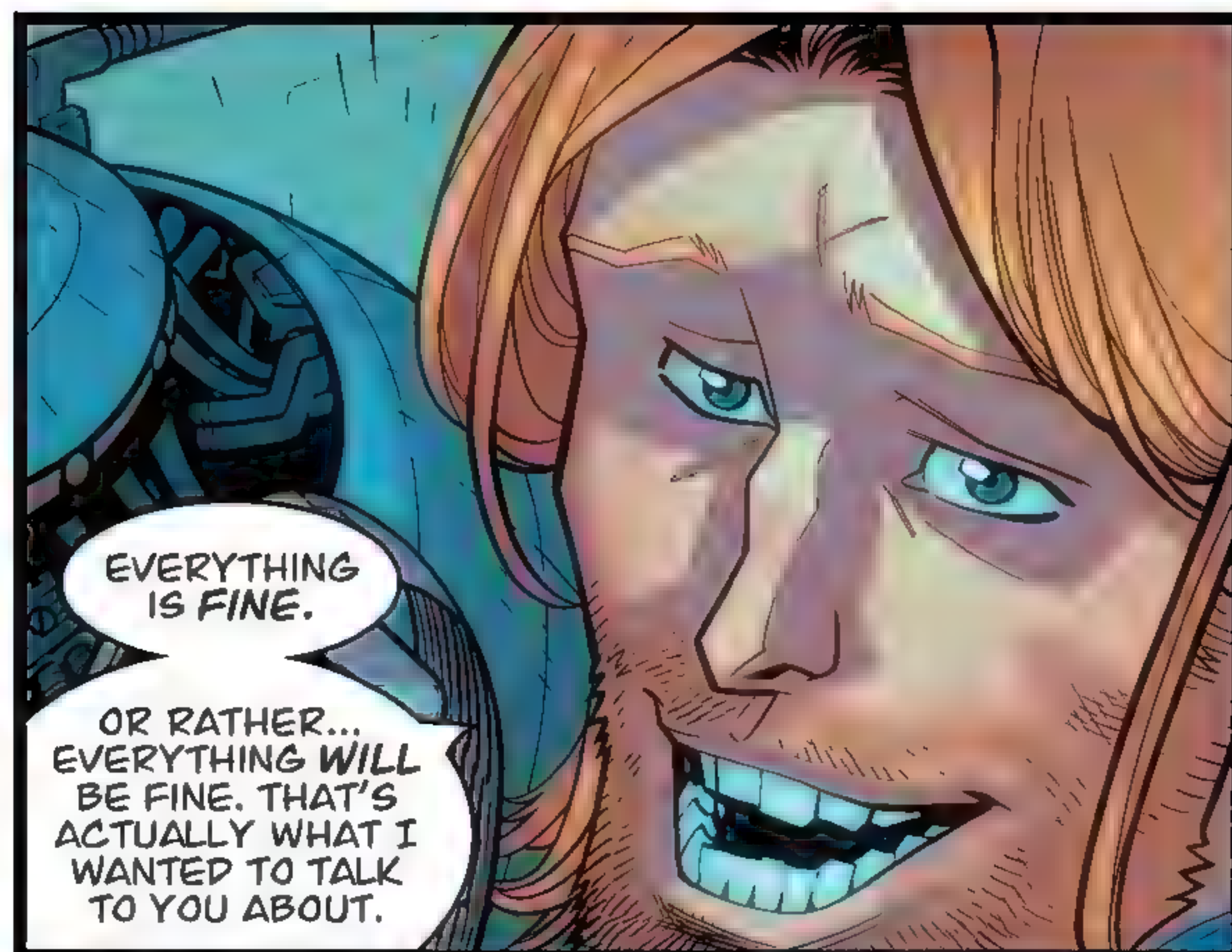
















HOW WOULD  
YOU EVEN GO  
ABOUT THAT?

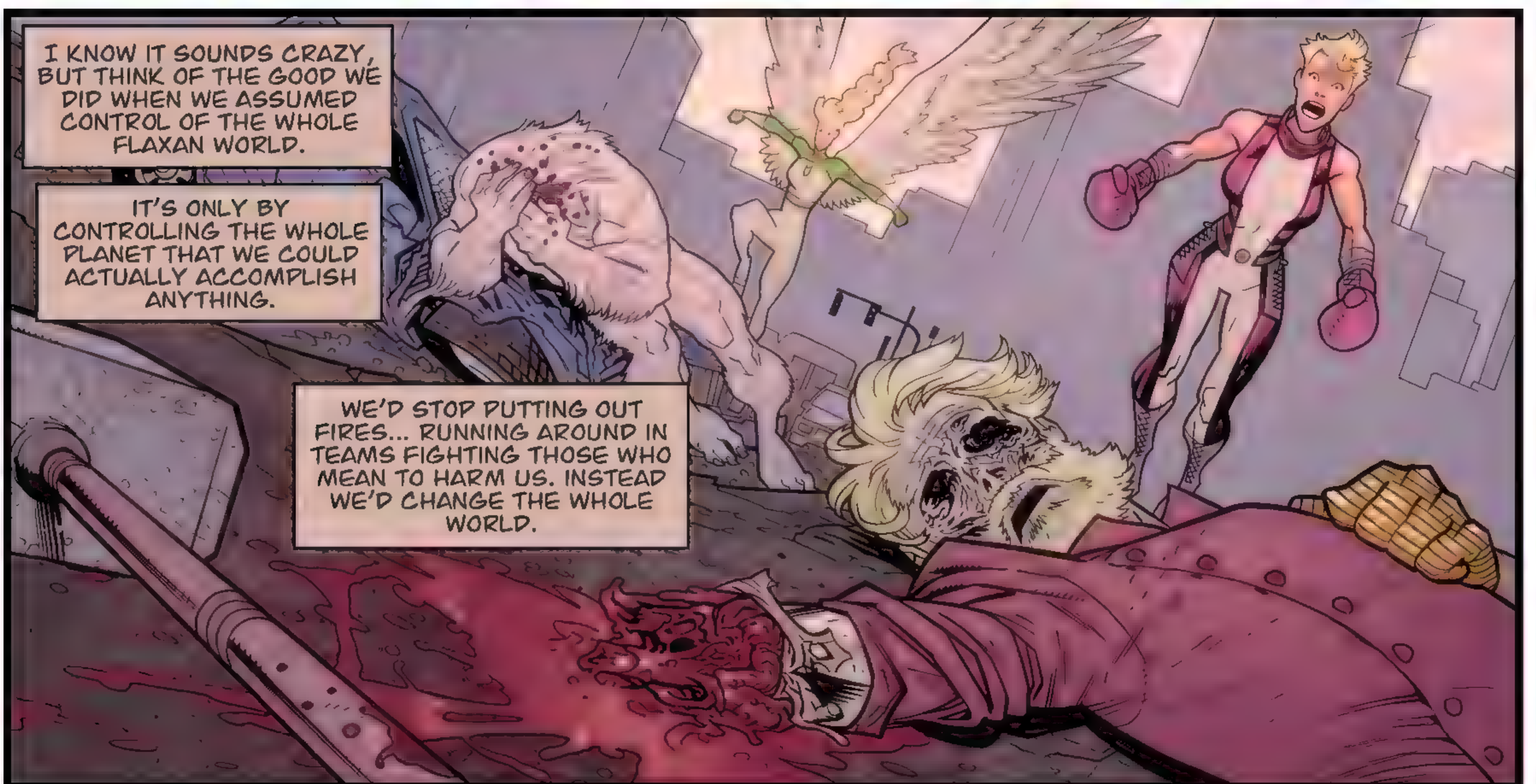
SAME WAY WE  
DID THERE... BY  
TAKING OVER.



OH, COME  
ON, REX--



I'M SERIOUS.



I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY,  
BUT THINK OF THE GOOD WE  
DID WHEN WE ASSUMED  
CONTROL OF THE WHOLE  
FLAXAN WORLD.

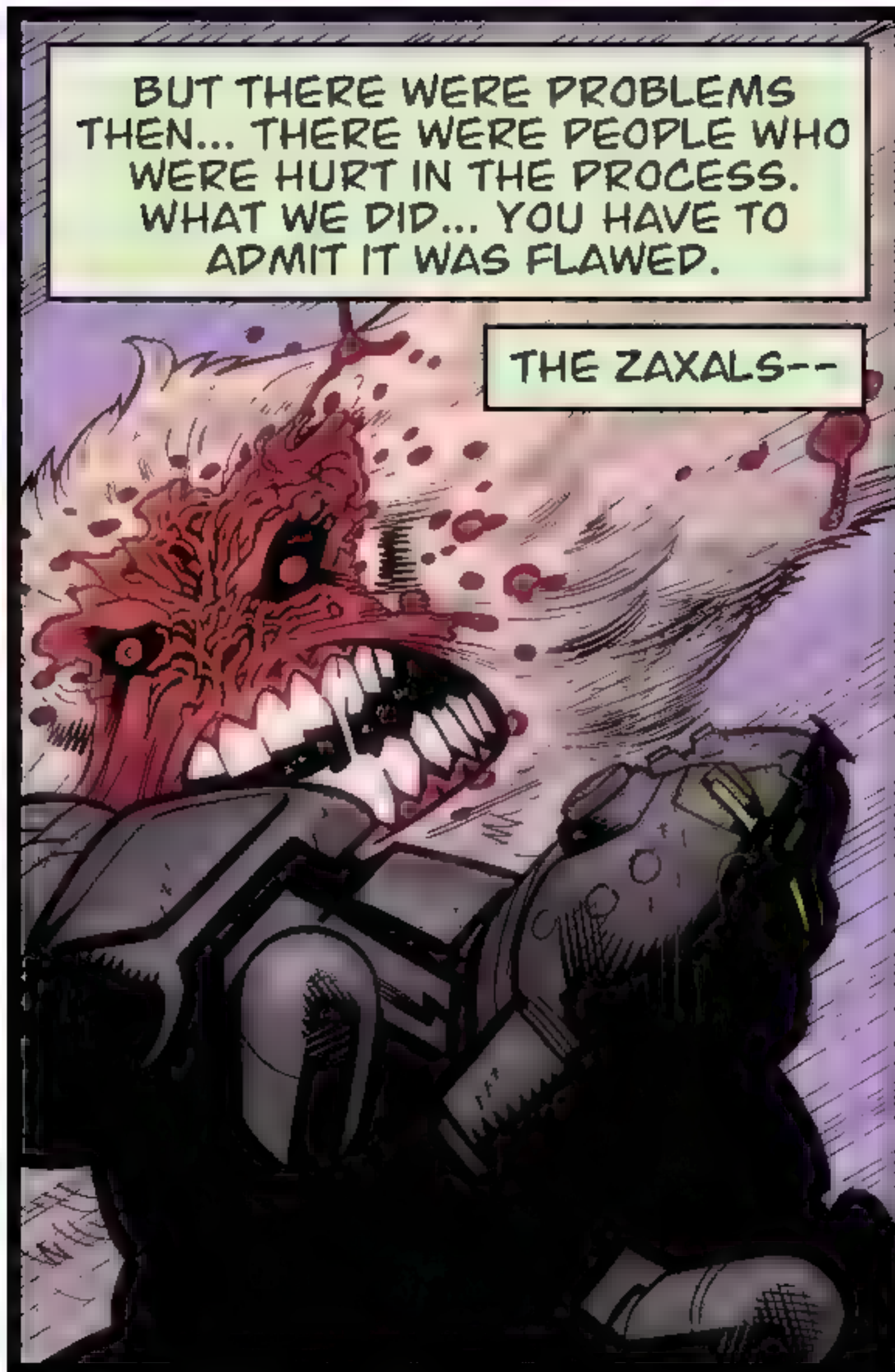
IT'S ONLY BY  
CONTROLLING THE WHOLE  
PLANET THAT WE COULD  
ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH  
ANYTHING.

WE'D STOP PUTTING OUT  
FIRES... RUNNING AROUND IN  
TEAMS FIGHTING THOSE WHO  
MEAN TO HARM US. INSTEAD  
WE'D CHANGE THE WHOLE  
WORLD.



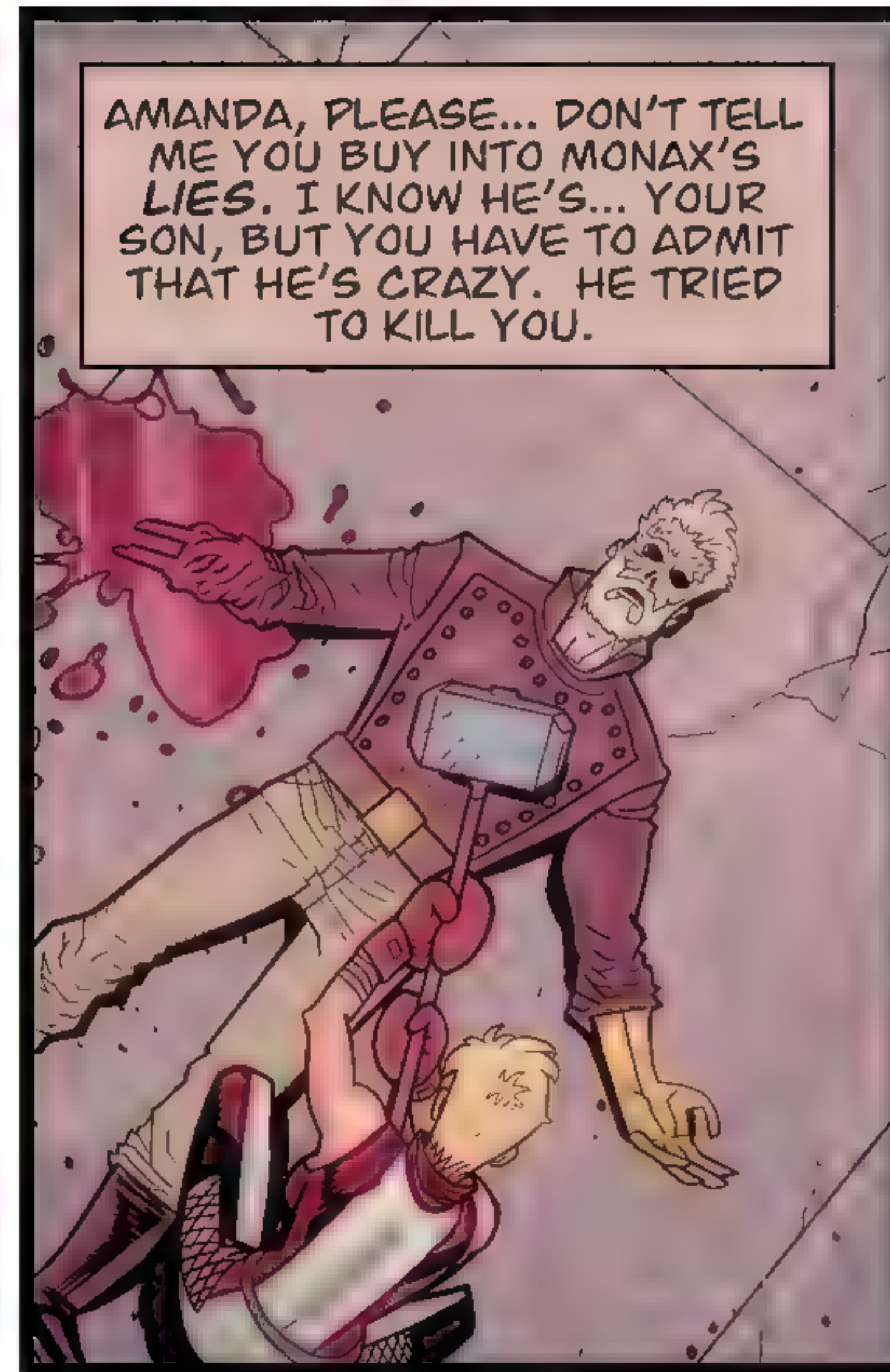


IT SOUNDS CRAZY  
UNTIL YOU  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
THAT WE'VE DONE  
IT BEFORE.

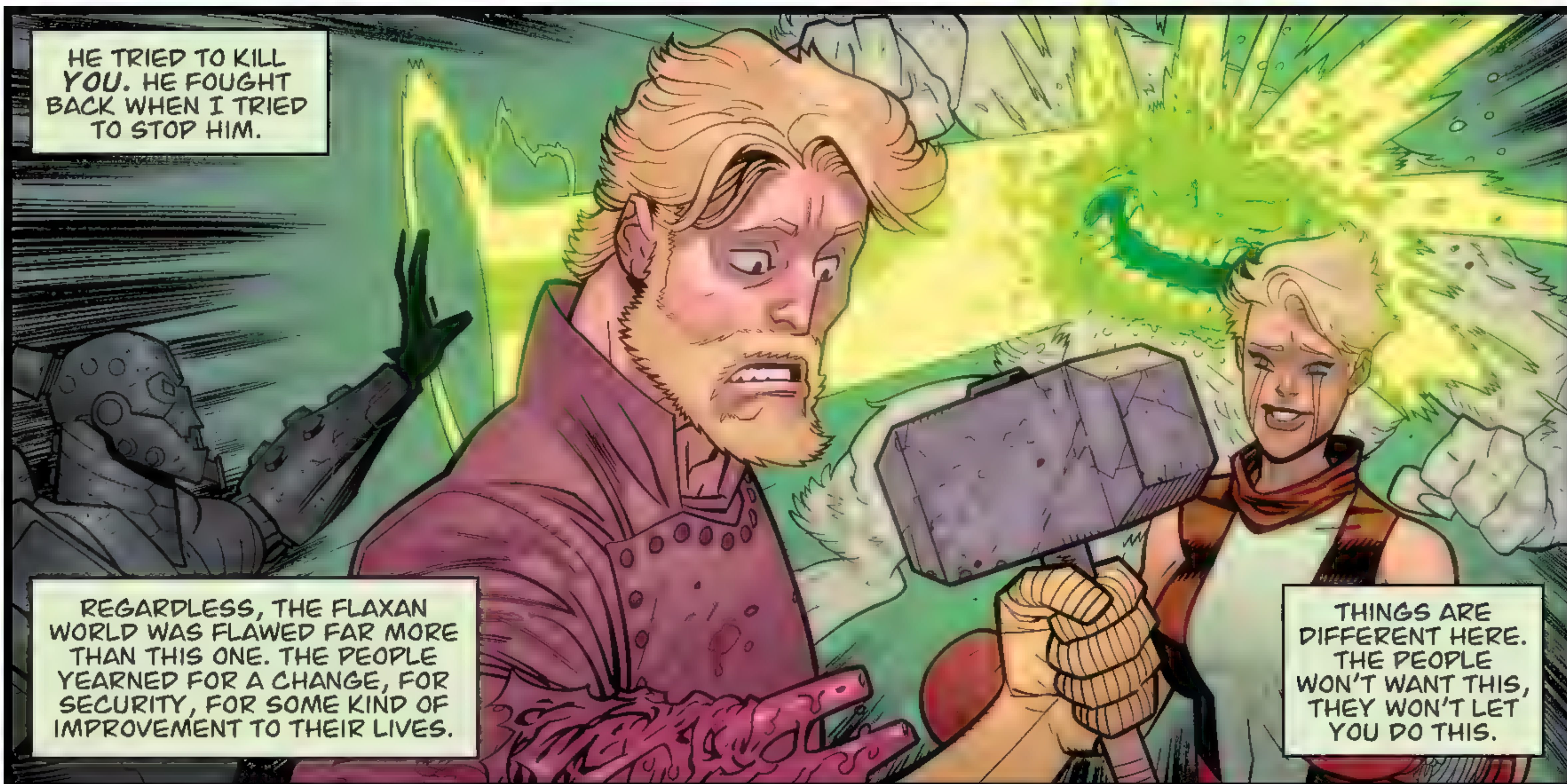


BUT THERE WERE PROBLEMS  
THEN... THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO  
WERE HURT IN THE PROCESS.  
WHAT WE DID... YOU HAVE TO  
ADMIT IT WAS FLAWED.

THE ZAXALS--



AMANDA, PLEASE... DON'T TELL  
ME YOU BUY INTO MONAX'S  
LIES. I KNOW HE'S... YOUR  
SON, BUT YOU HAVE TO ADMIT  
THAT HE'S CRAZY. HE TRIED  
TO KILL YOU.



HE TRIED TO KILL  
YOU. HE FOUGHT  
BACK WHEN I TRIED  
TO STOP HIM.

REGARDLESS, THE FLAXAN  
WORLD WAS FLAWED FAR MORE  
THAN THIS ONE. THE PEOPLE  
YEARNED FOR A CHANGE, FOR  
SECURITY, FOR SOME KIND OF  
IMPROVEMENT TO THEIR LIVES.

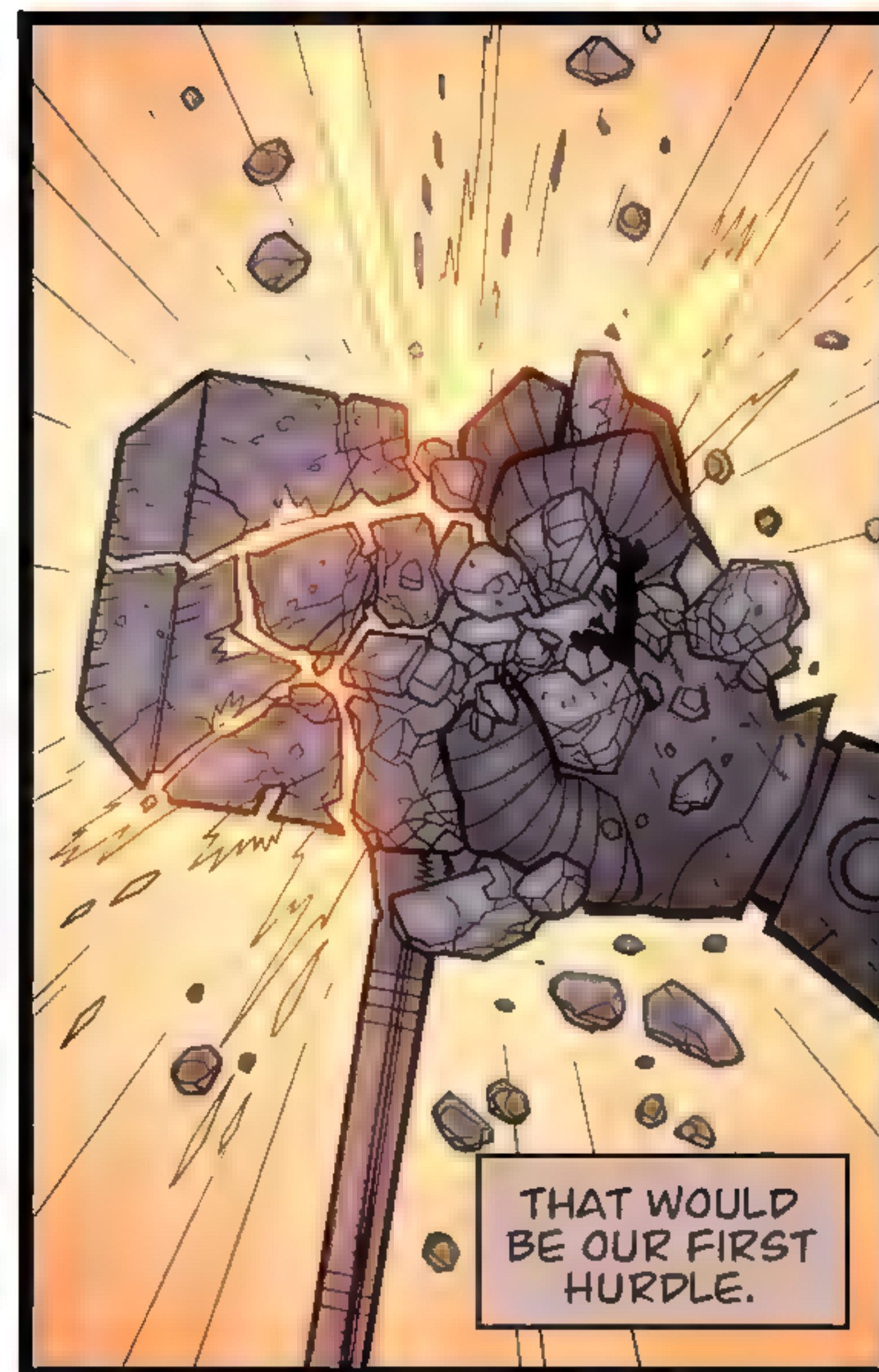
THINGS ARE  
DIFFERENT HERE.  
THE PEOPLE  
WON'T WANT THIS,  
THEY WON'T LET  
YOU DO THIS.



OUR FRIENDS WON'T  
LET YOU. THEY'D STAND  
AGAINST US... YOU  
KNOW THAT.



I'M AWARE  
OF THAT, YES.



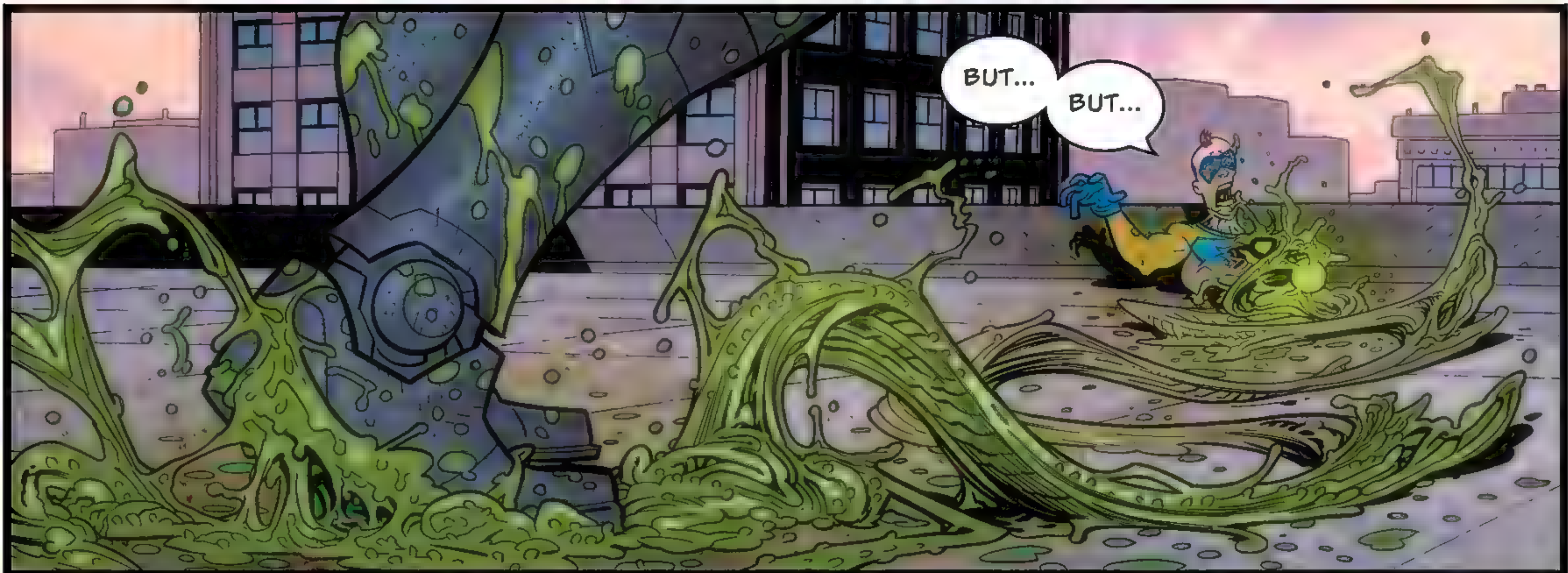
THAT WOULD  
BE OUR FIRST  
HURDLE.



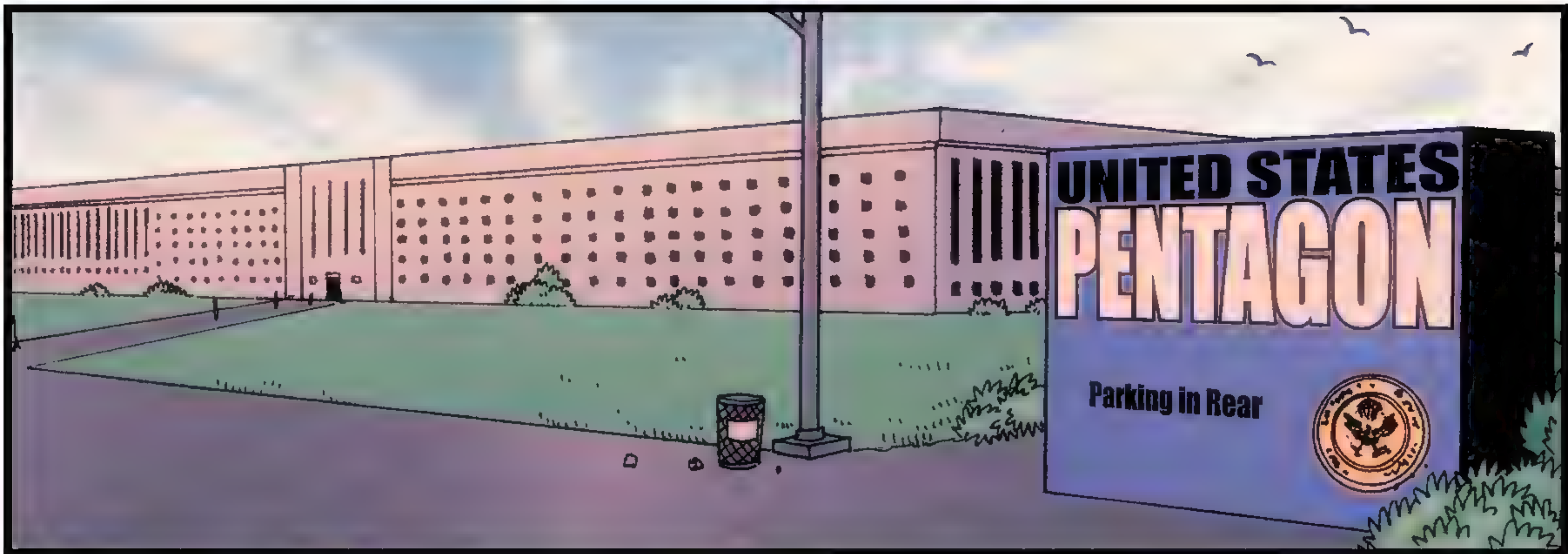
ANYTHING THAT COULD  
POTENTIALLY STAND IN  
OUR WAY WOULD NEED TO  
BE DEALT WITH FIRST.







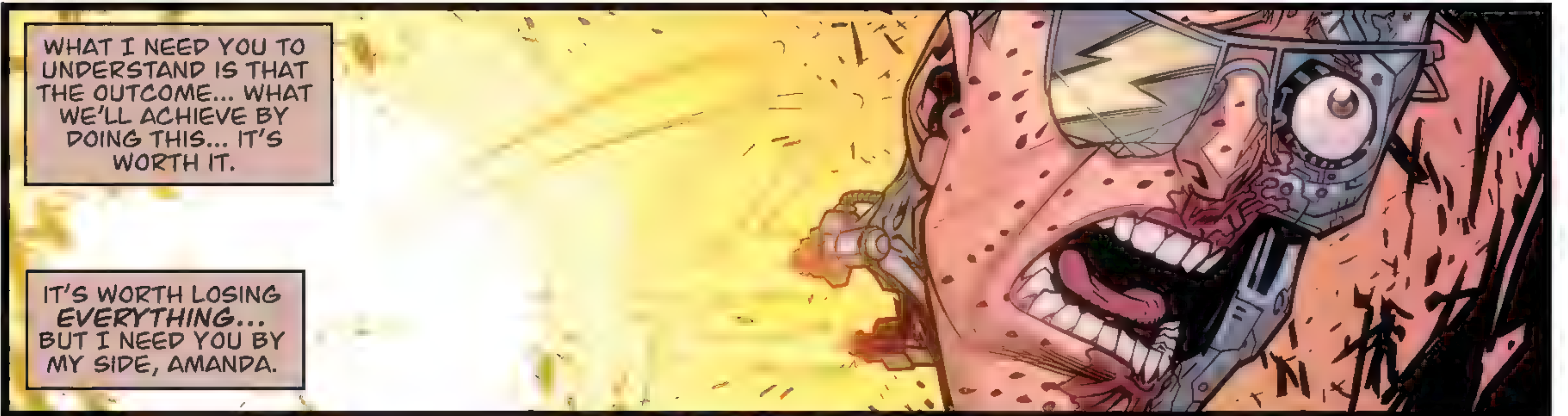






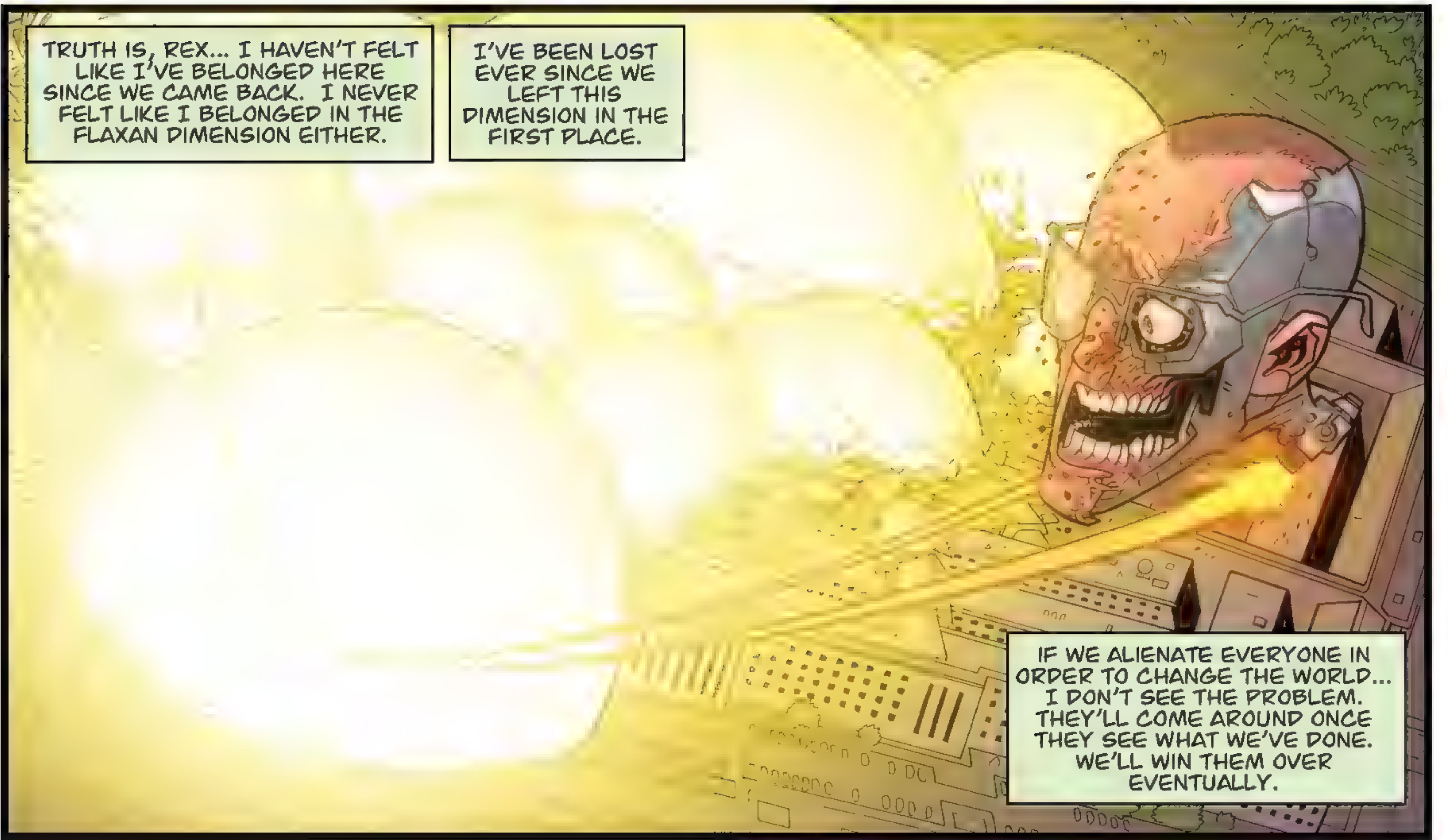


WHAT I AM PROPOSING  
WOULD PUT US AT ODDS  
WITH OUR CLOSEST  
FRIENDS AND ALLIES.



WHAT I NEED YOU TO  
UNDERSTAND IS THAT  
THE OUTCOME... WHAT  
WE'LL ACHIEVE BY  
DOING THIS... IT'S  
WORTH IT.

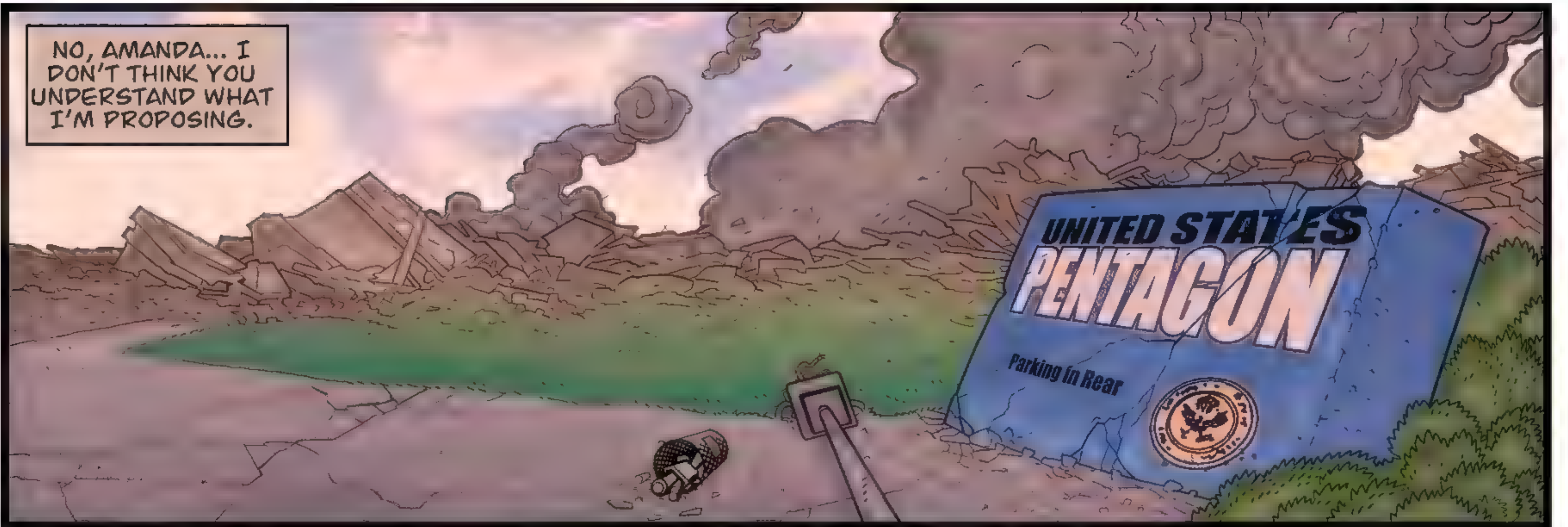
IT'S WORTH LOSING  
**EVERYTHING...**  
BUT I NEED YOU BY  
MY SIDE, AMANDA.



TRUTH IS, REX... I HAVEN'T FELT  
LIKE I'VE BELONGED HERE  
SINCE WE CAME BACK. I NEVER  
FELT LIKE I BELONGED IN THE  
FLAXAN DIMENSION EITHER.

I'VE BEEN LOST  
EVER SINCE WE  
LEFT THIS  
DIMENSION IN THE  
FIRST PLACE.

IF WE ALIENATE EVERYONE IN  
ORDER TO CHANGE THE WORLD...  
I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM.  
THEY'LL COME AROUND ONCE  
THEY SEE WHAT WE'VE DONE.  
WE'LL WIN THEM OVER  
EVENTUALLY.



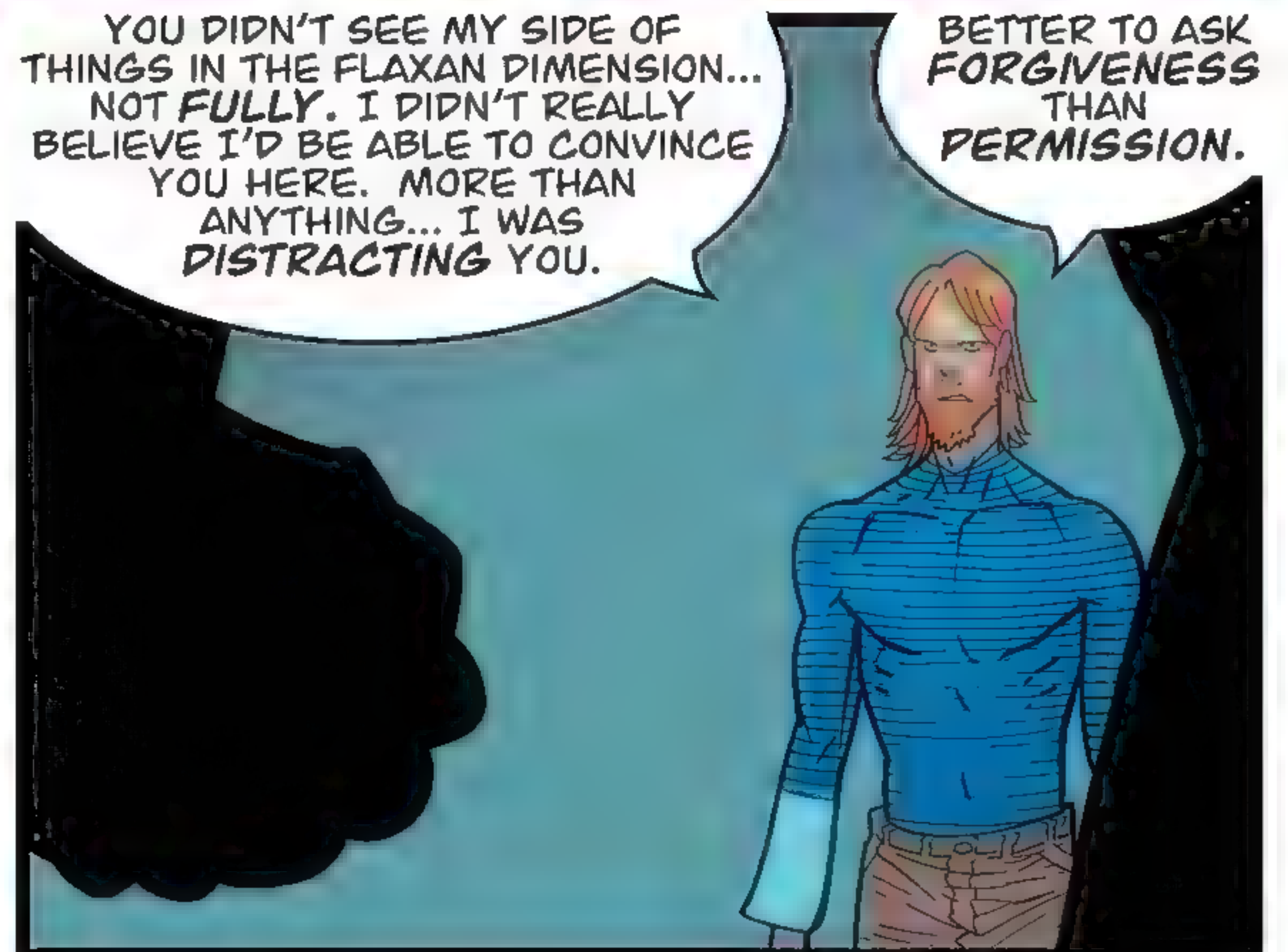
NO, AMANDA... I  
DON'T THINK YOU  
UNDERSTAND WHAT  
I'M PROPOSING.

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PENTAGON**  
Parking in Rear













MONAX... HE TOLD  
ME WHAT YOU  
ARE... AND I  
DIDN'T BELIEVE  
HIM.

YOU DID HUNT DOWN  
AND KILL THE ZAXALS,  
DIDN'T YOU? YOU  
ARE A...



MONSTER?

THAT'S  
WHAT HE SAID,  
DIDN'T HE? I  
KILLED THE ZAXALS,  
THE ONE YOU MATED  
WITH... ALL THE  
OTHERS I COULD  
FIND... I TRIED TO KILL  
YOUR BABY, BEFORE  
HE GREW INTO  
MONAX.

SO YES, I KNEW  
HOW DEEPLY YOU HAD  
BETRAYED ME, THAT  
YOU'D FATHERED A  
CHILD. I FORGAVE YOU...  
AND I TRIED TO ERASE IT.  
THINKING BACK, I WAS  
ALWAYS CAPABLE OF  
DOING WHAT NEEDED TO  
BE DONE, NO MATTER  
HOW UGLY.

AM I A  
MONSTER?  
MAYBE I  
ALWAYS WAS...  
BENEATH THE  
SURFACE.

WHO KNEW  
WE HAD  
SO MUCH IN  
COMMON?



WHY,  
REX?!

WHY?!

I  
LOVED  
YOU!



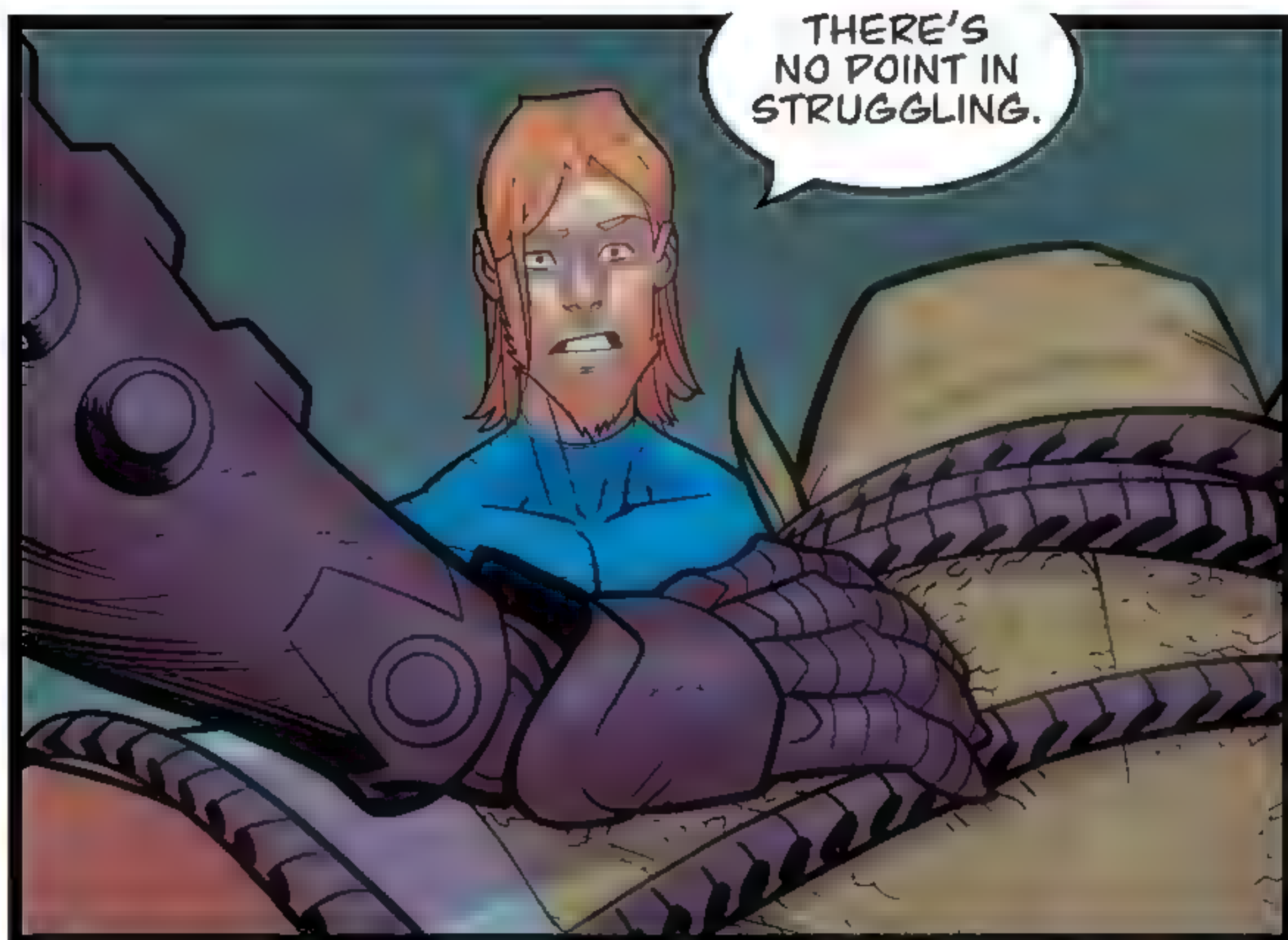
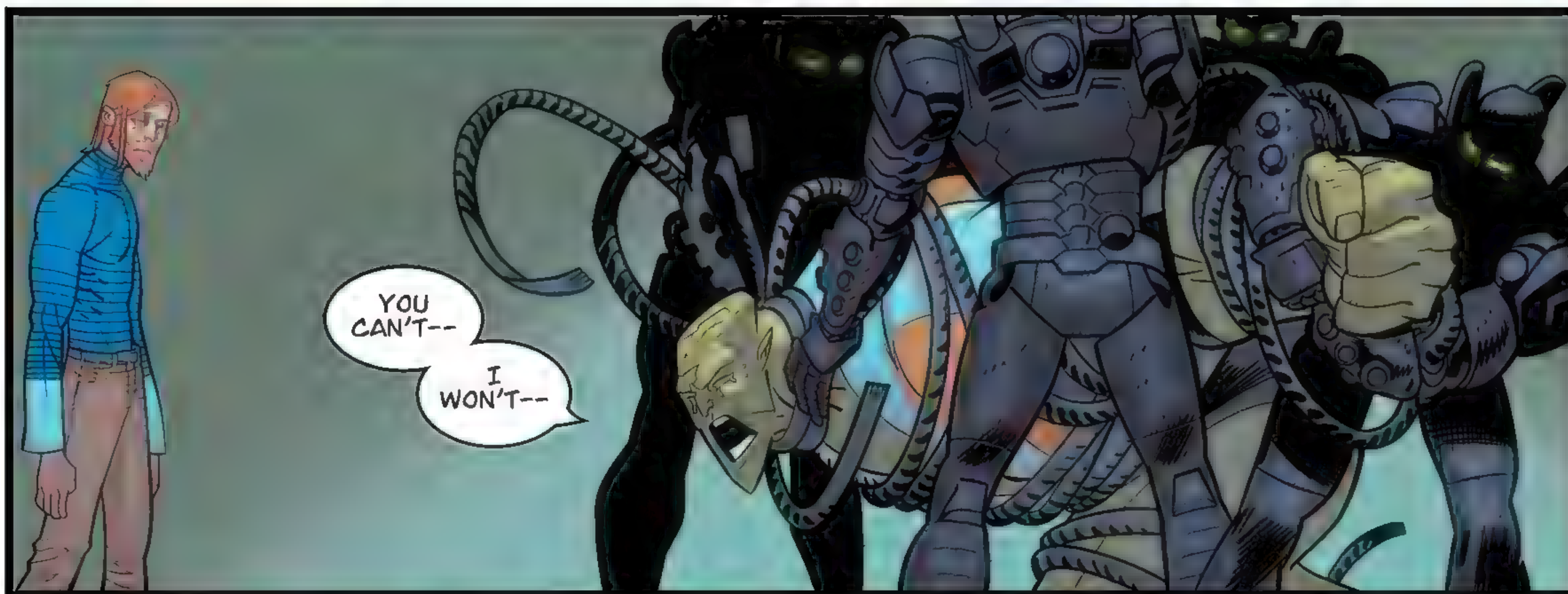
"LOVED?"

YOU'RE  
REALLY NOT  
GOING TO  
HELP ME...

WHAT AN IDIOT  
I'VE BEEN. I  
NEVER CONSIDERED  
WHAT THIS WOULD  
DO TO US.

I DIDN'T  
THINK IT  
WOULD COME  
TO THIS.

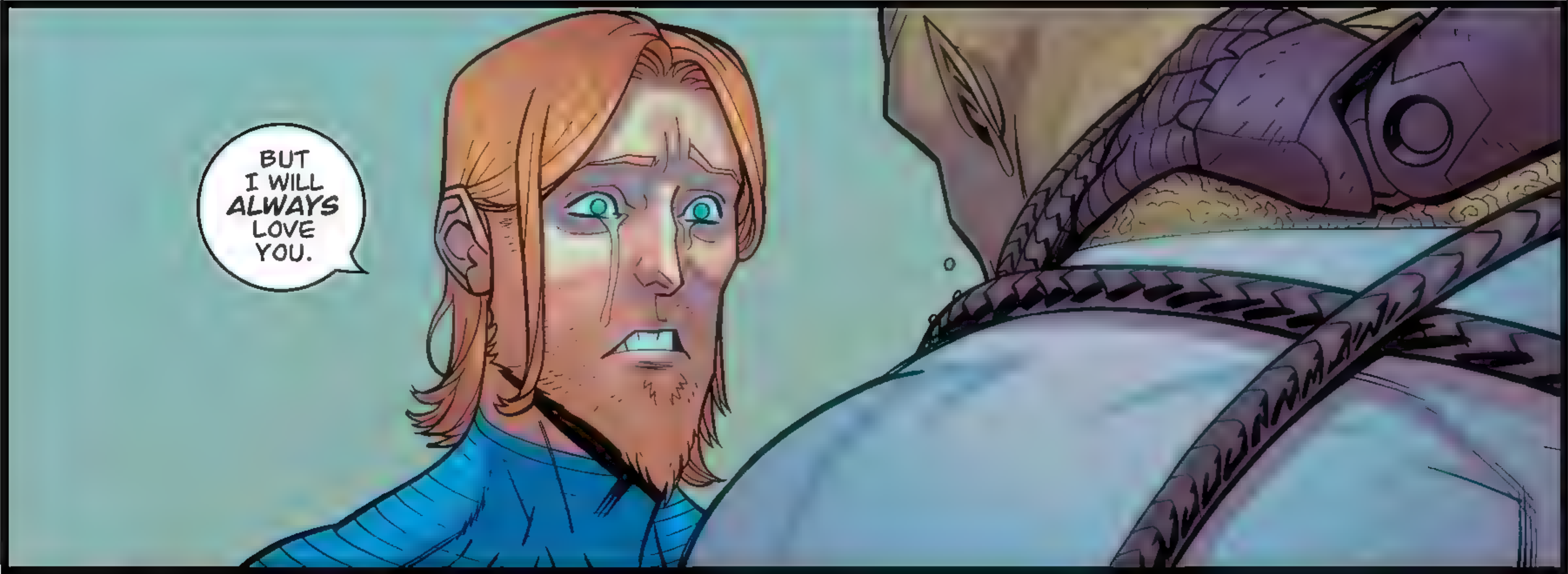




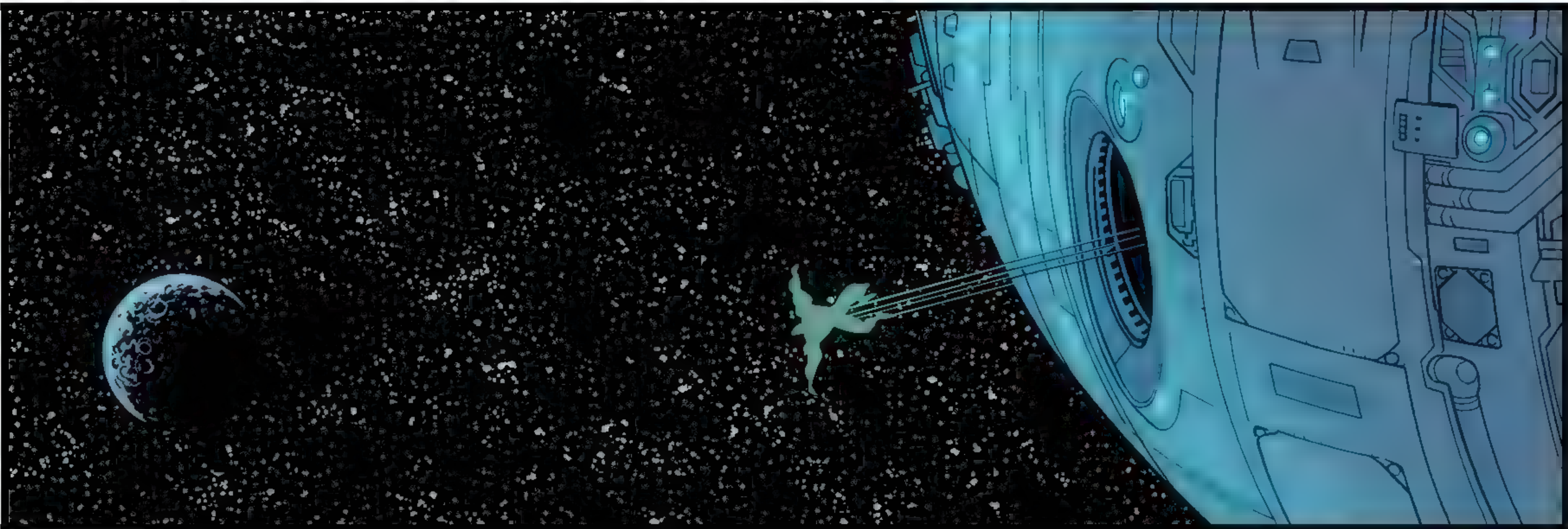


















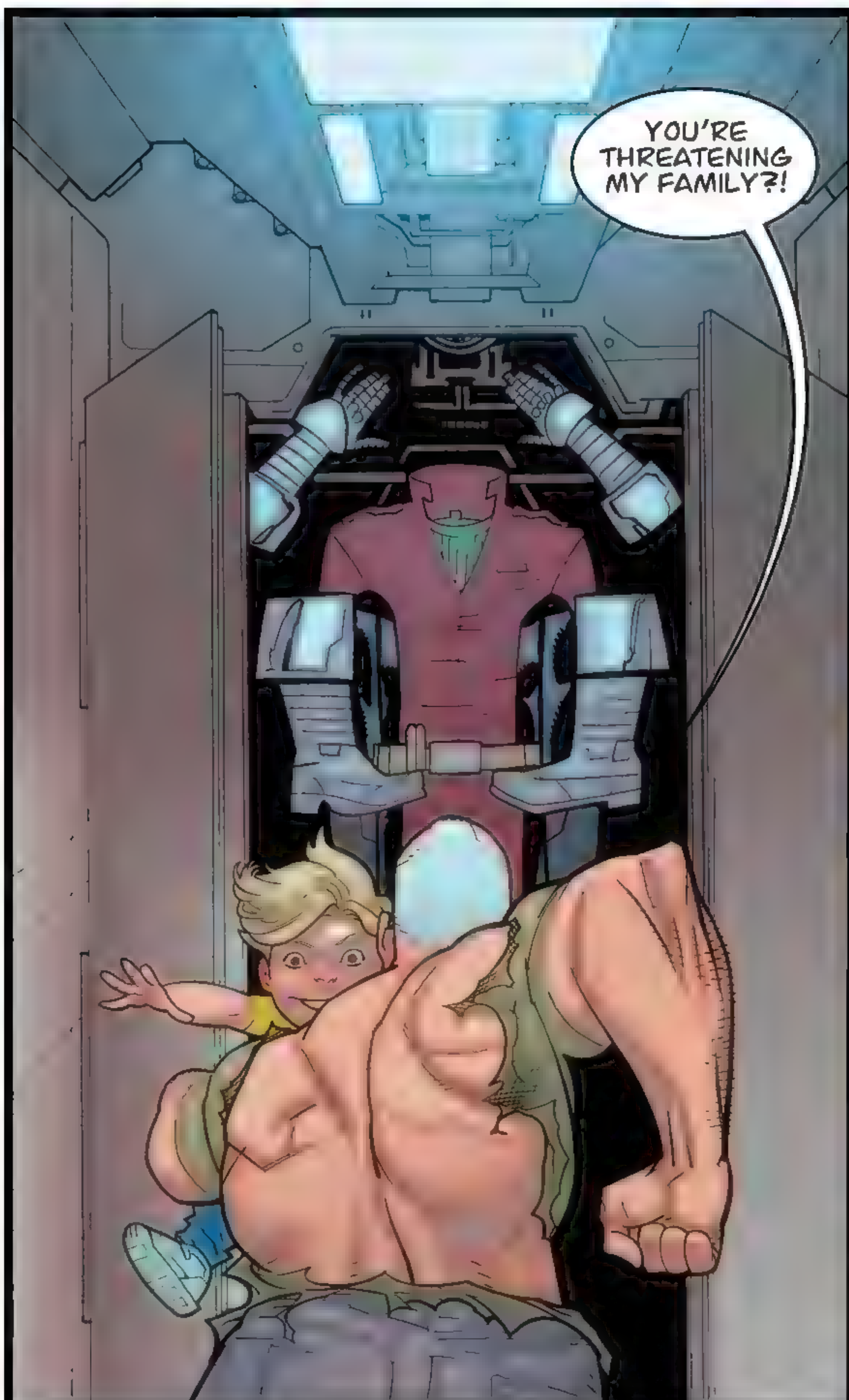
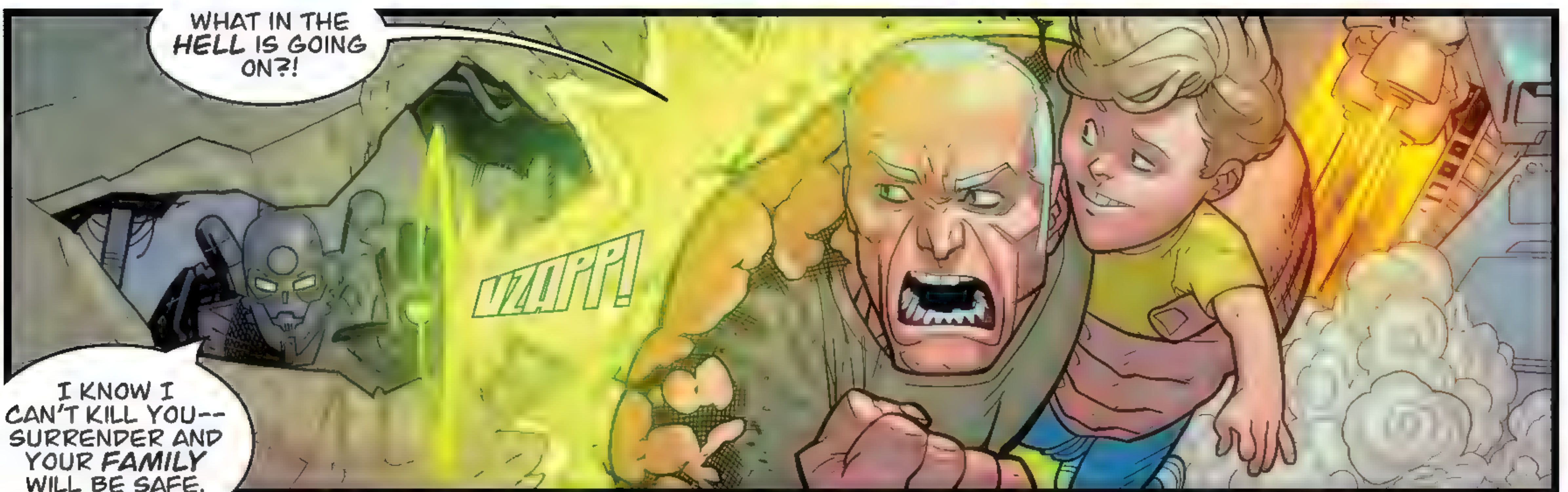


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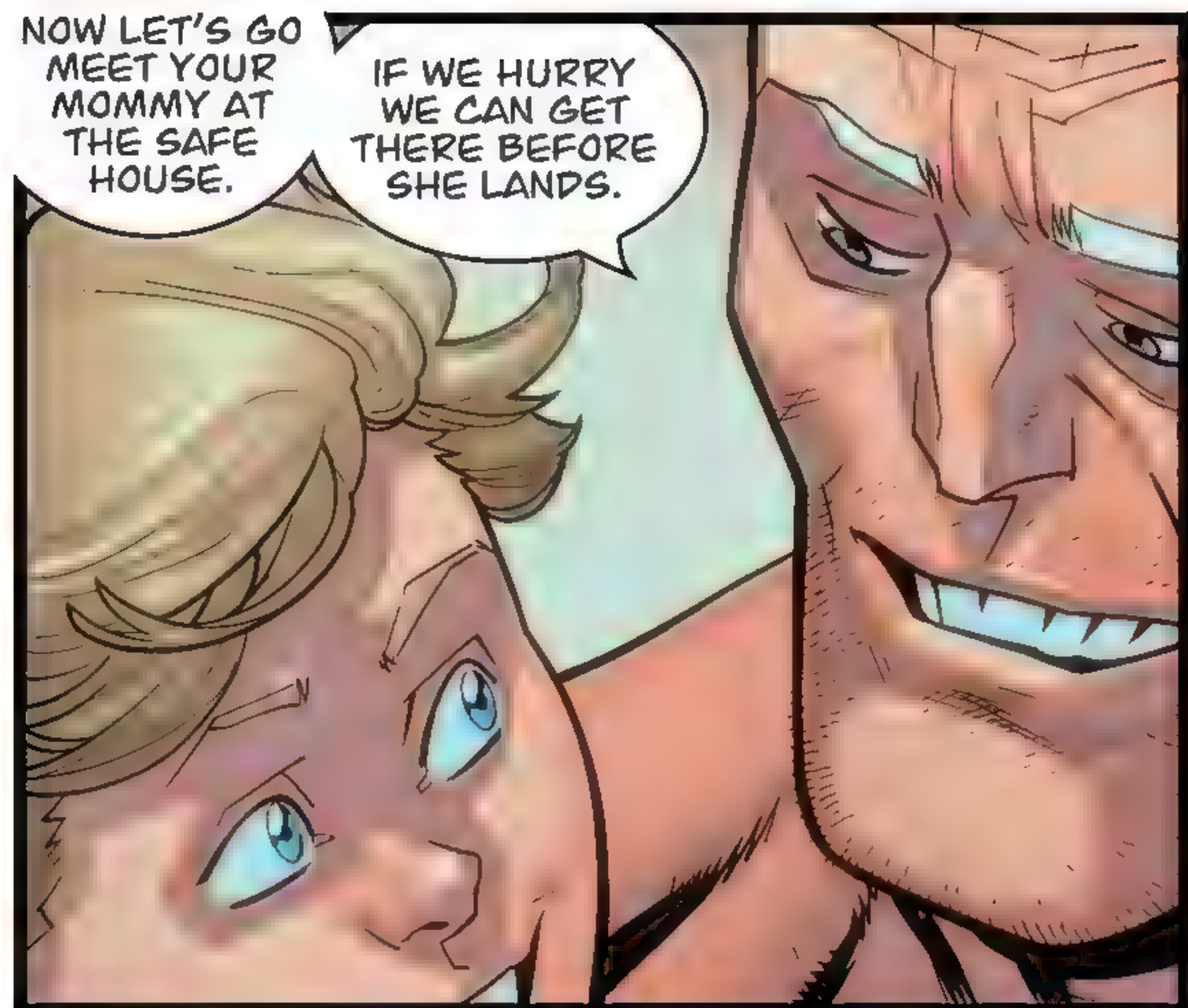
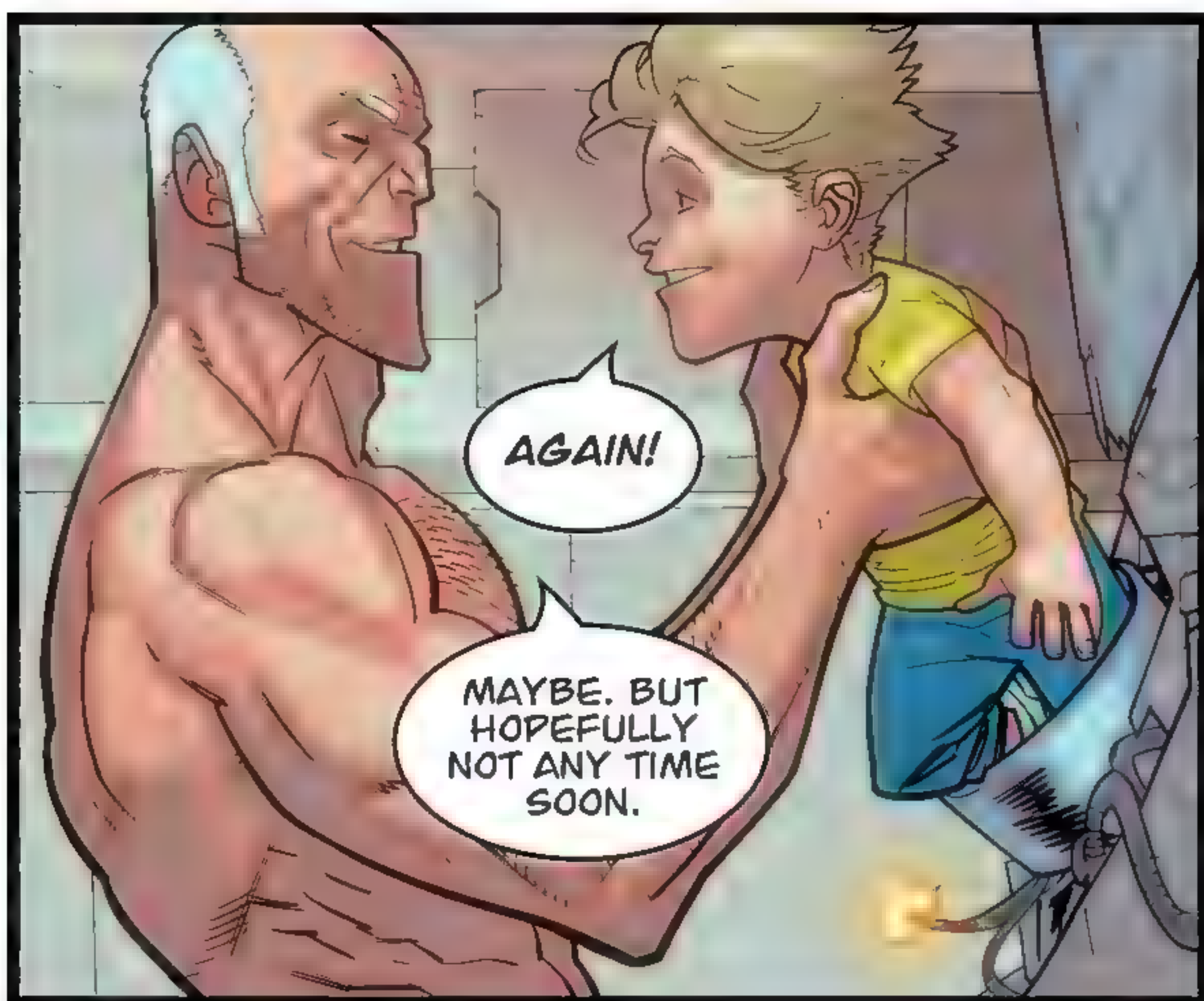
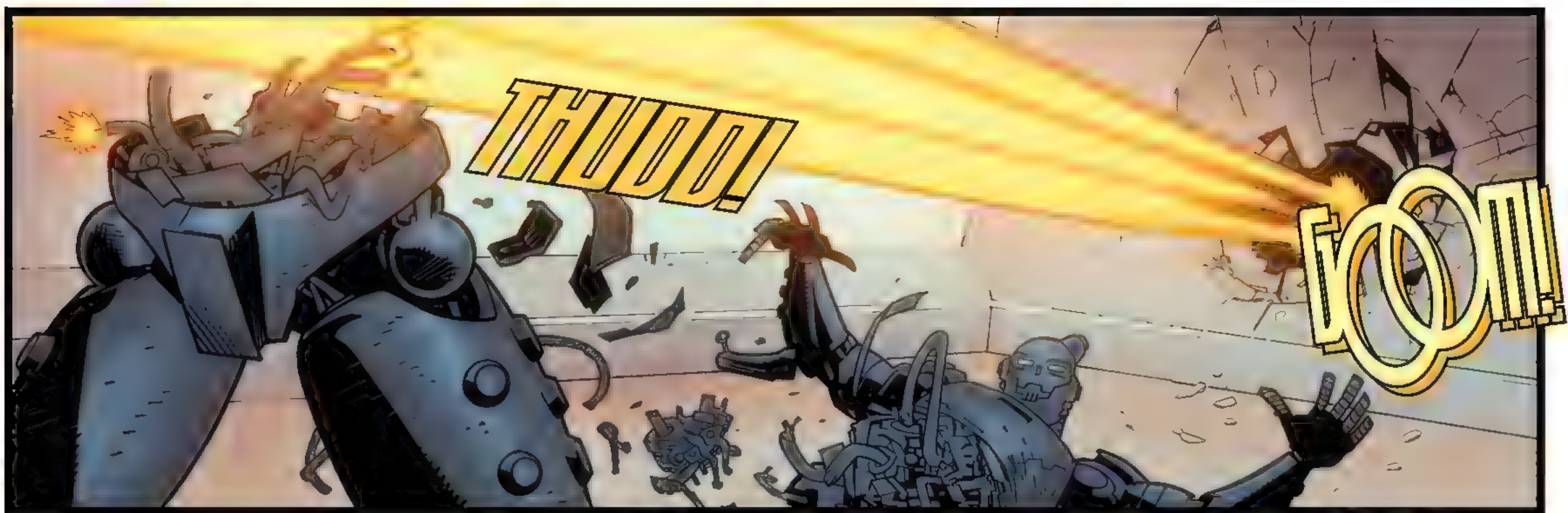


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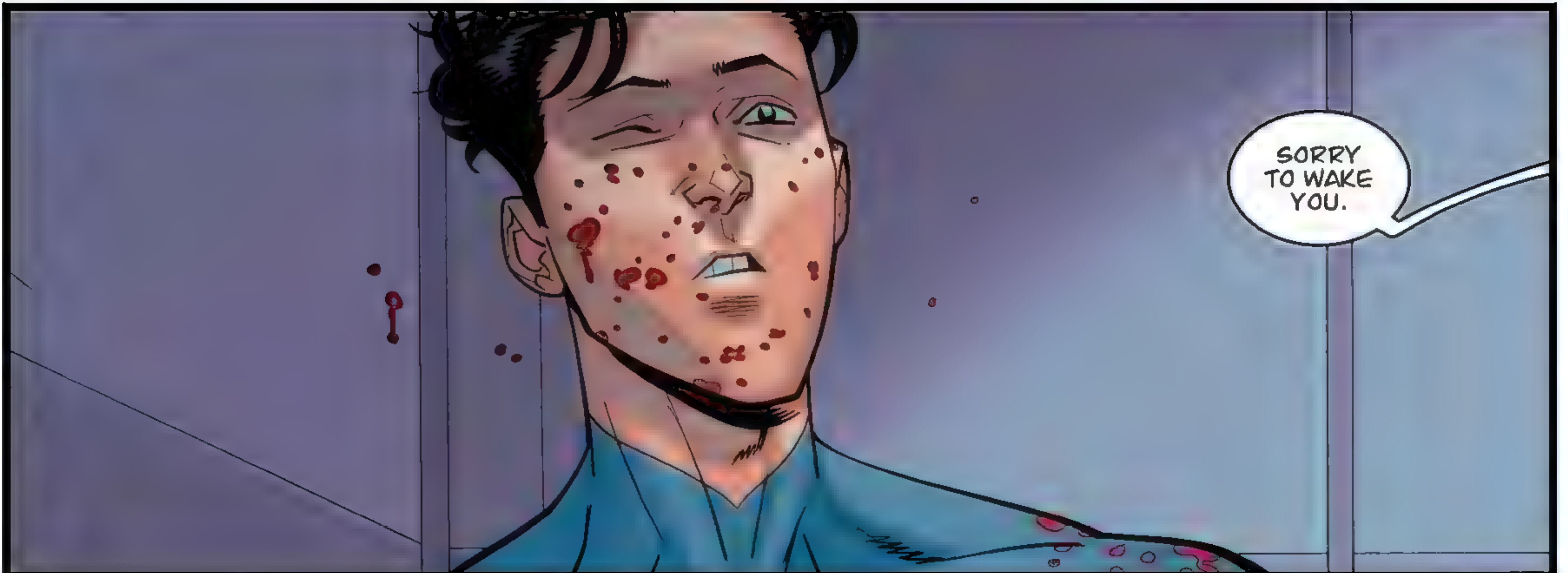
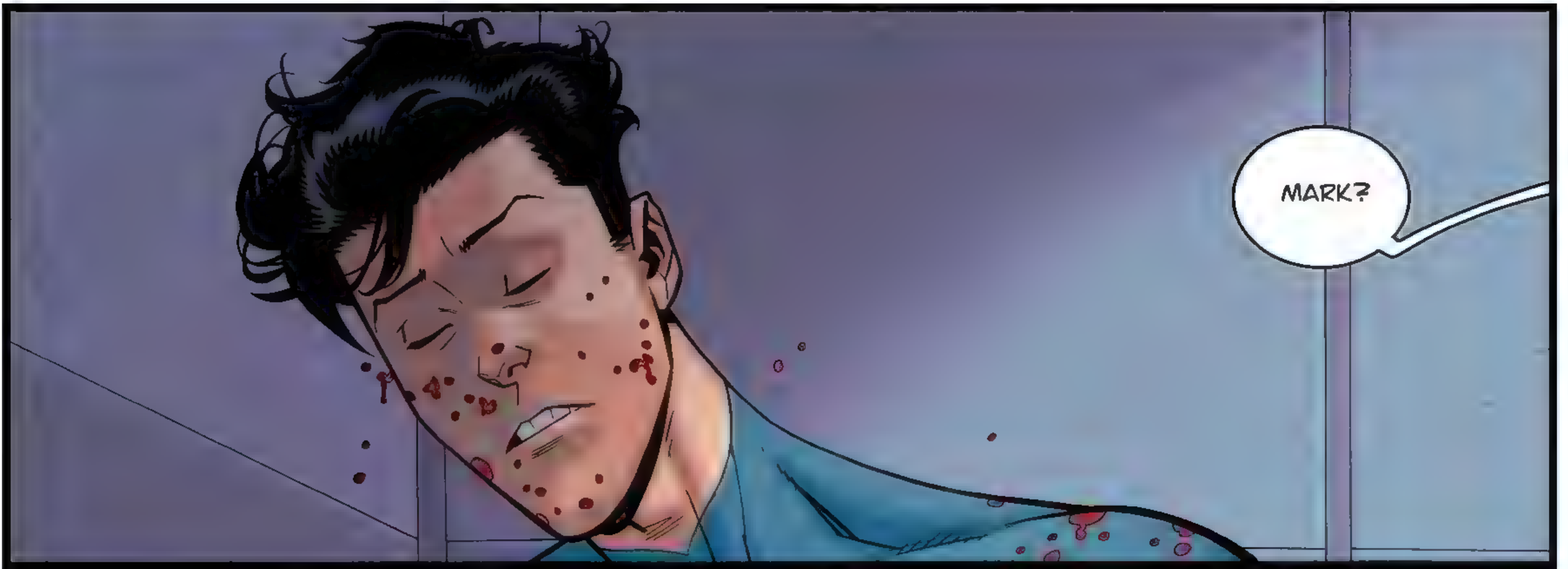










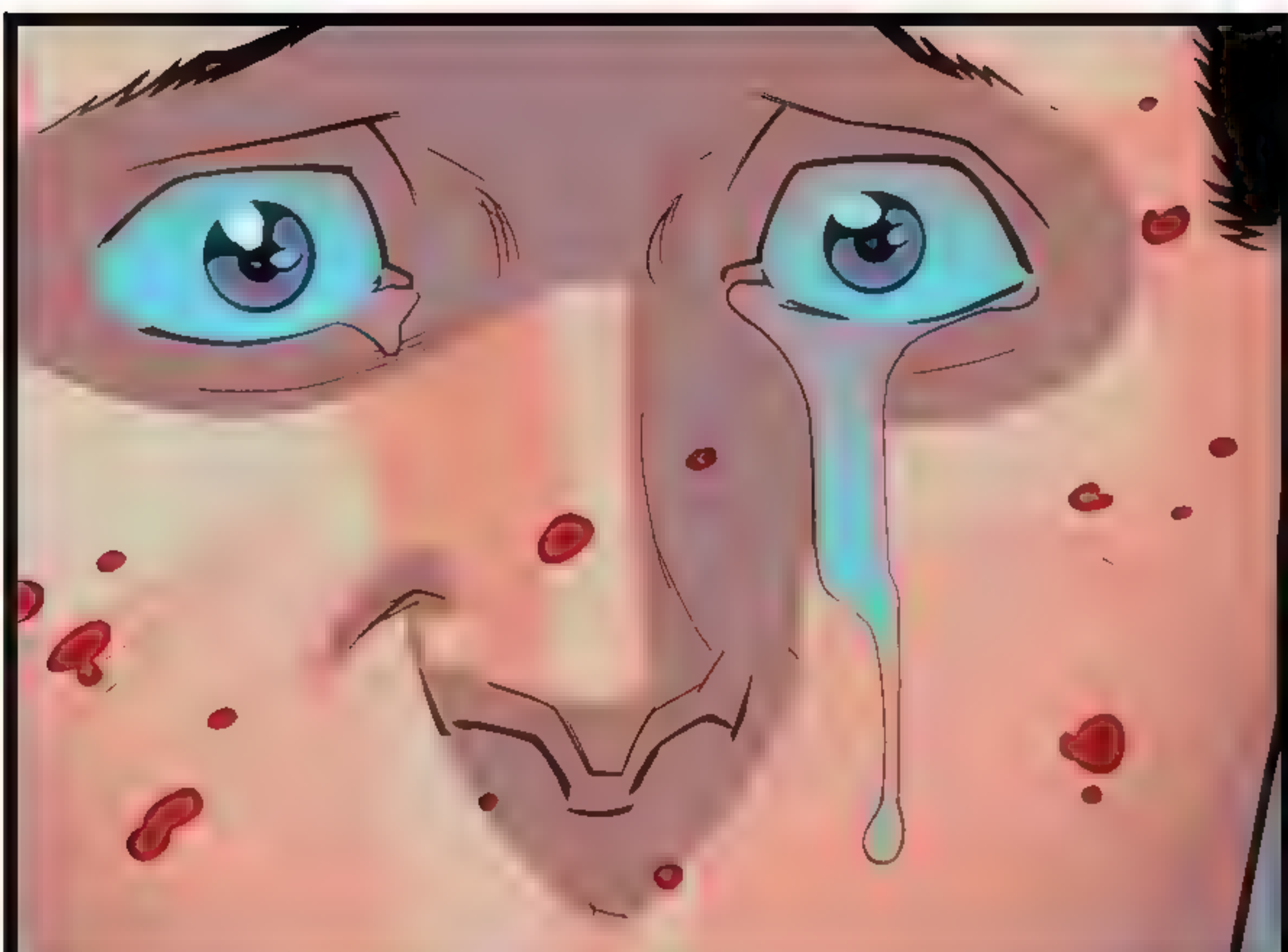
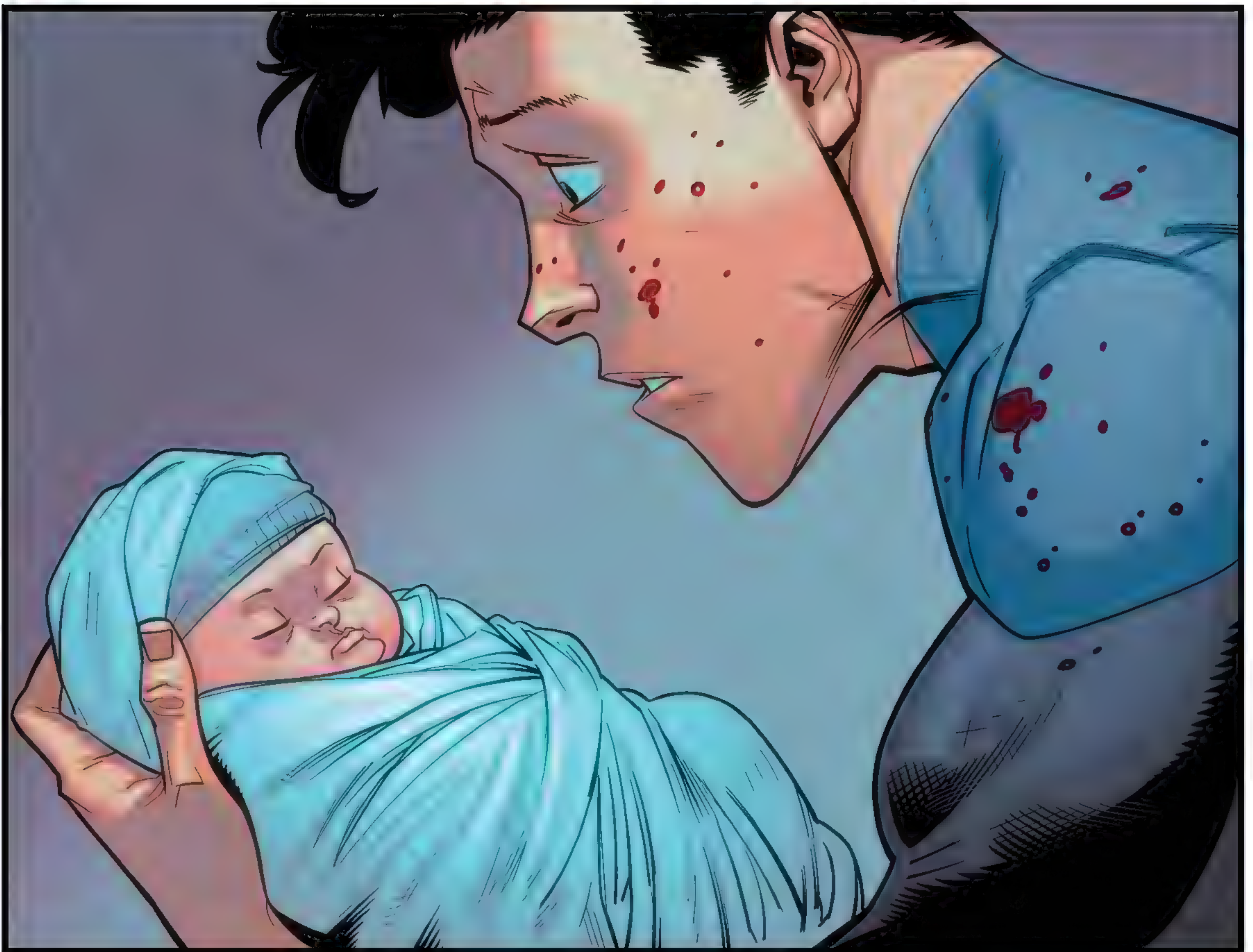




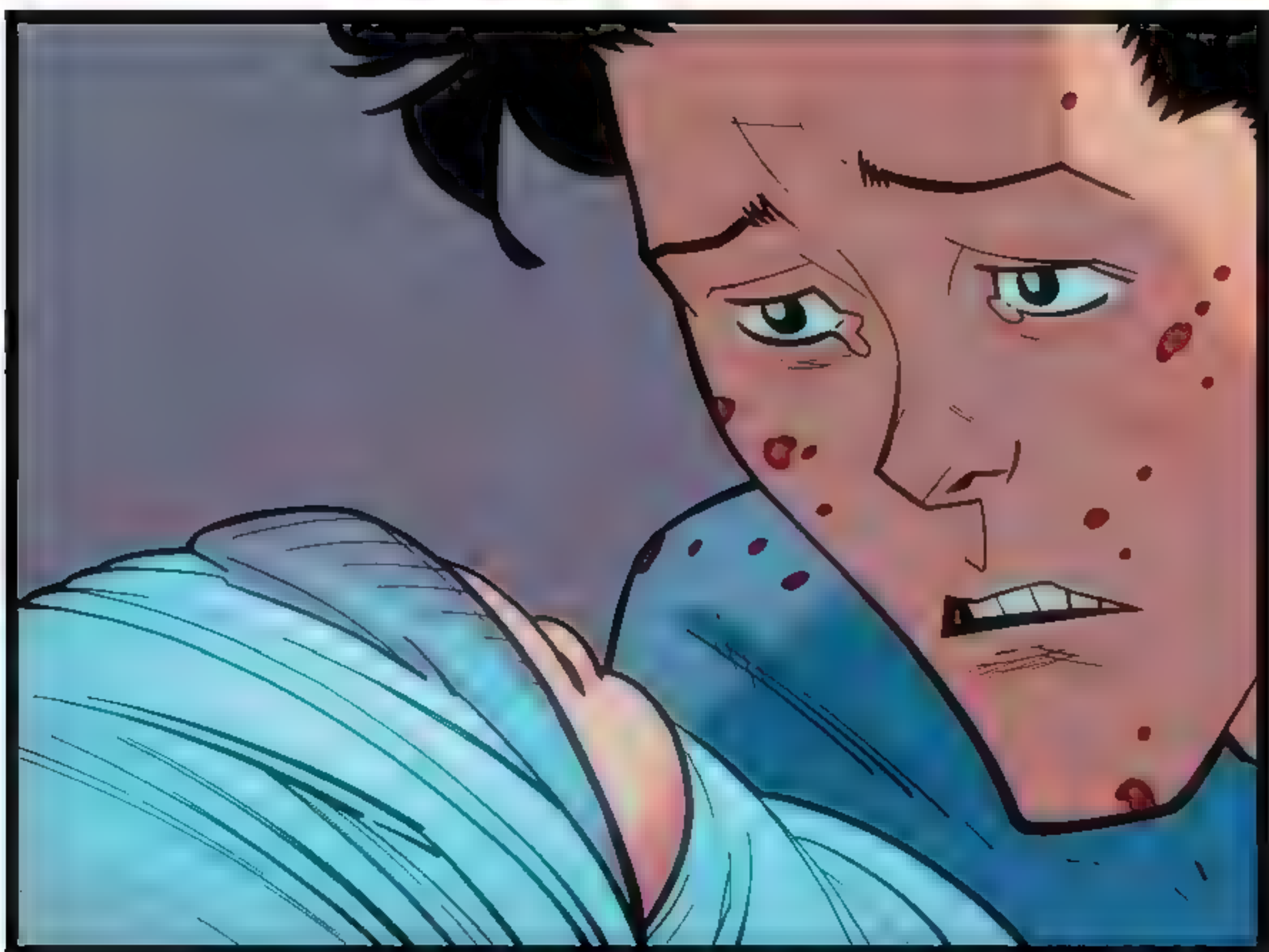
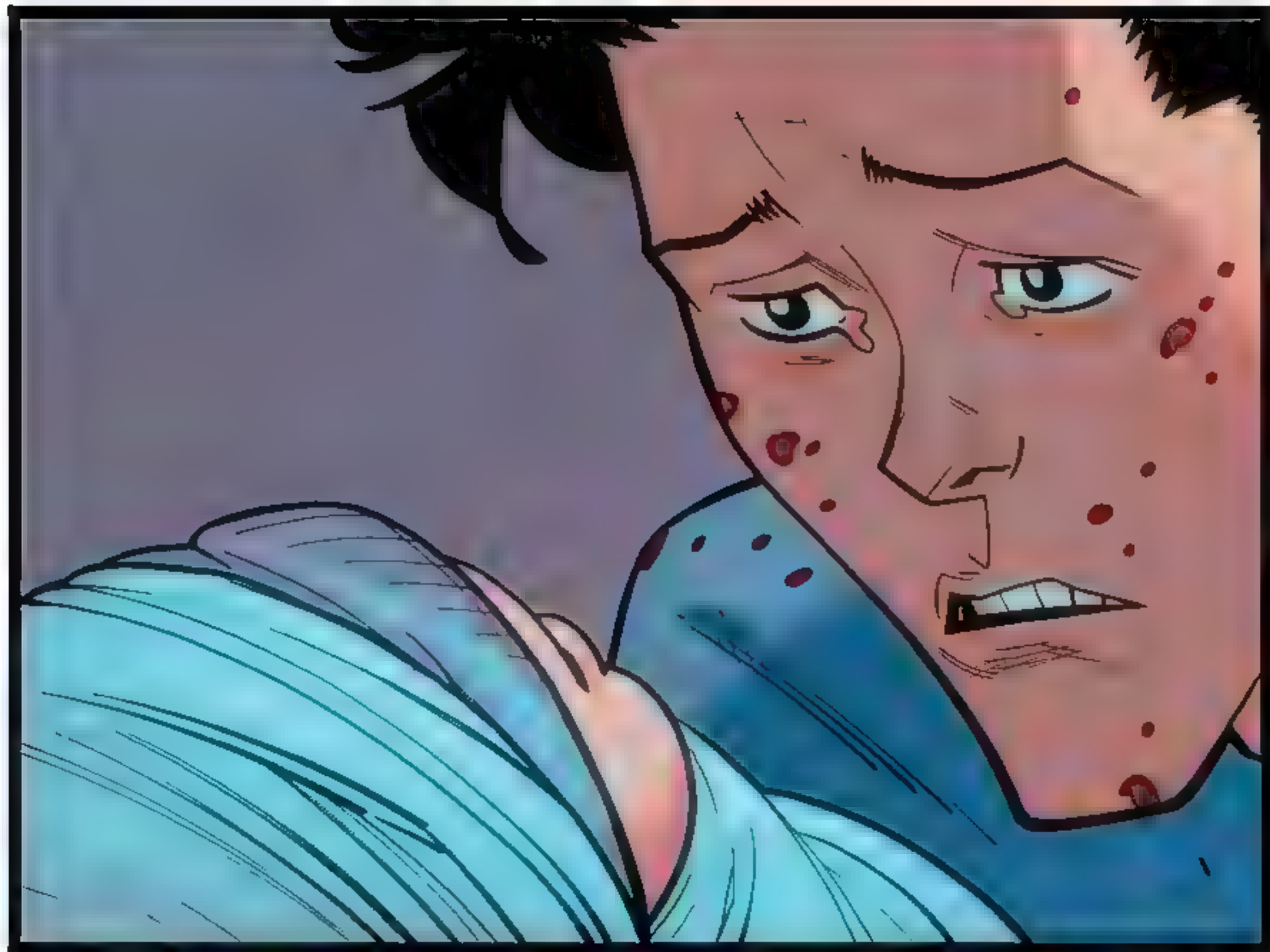
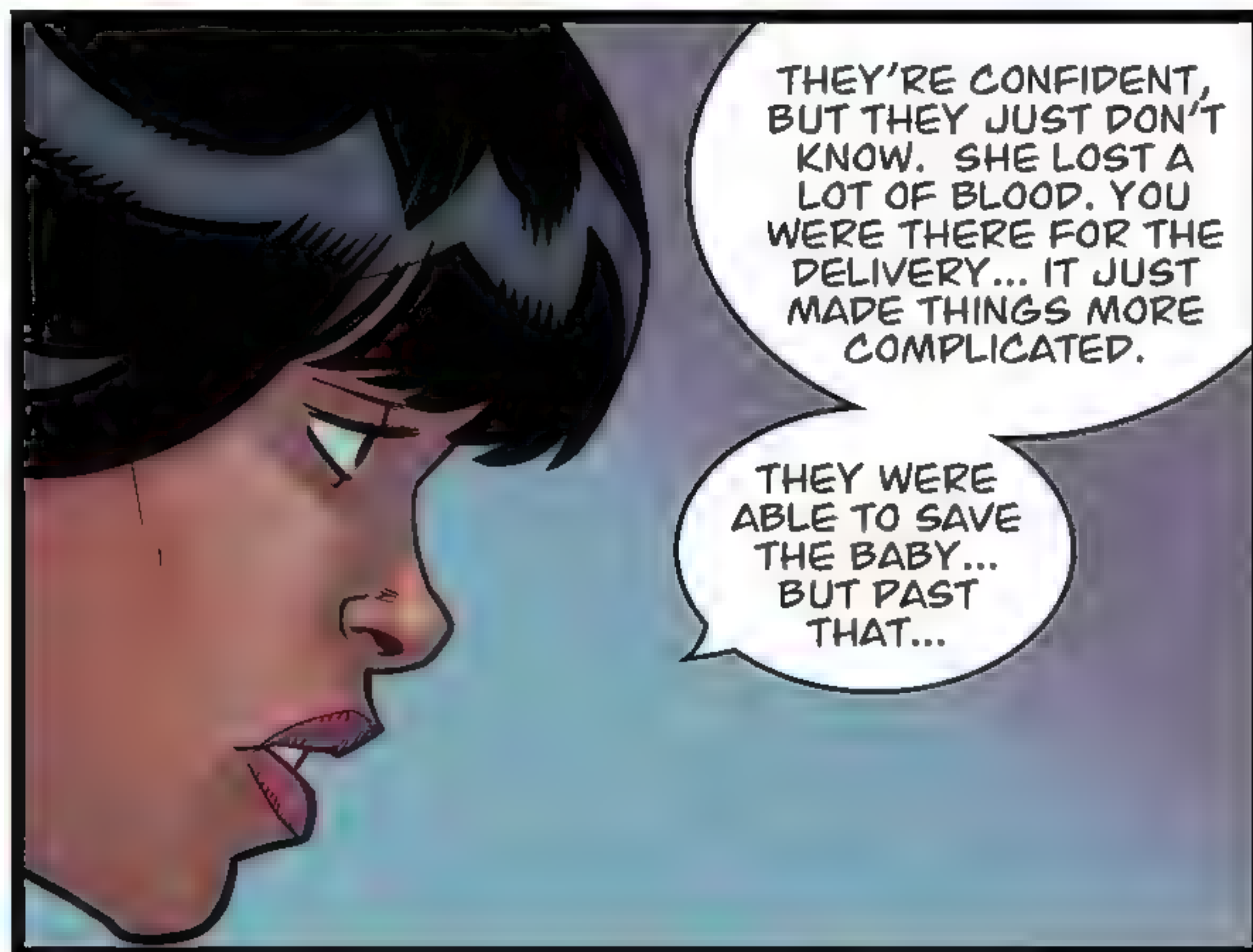


WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO HOLD  
HER?

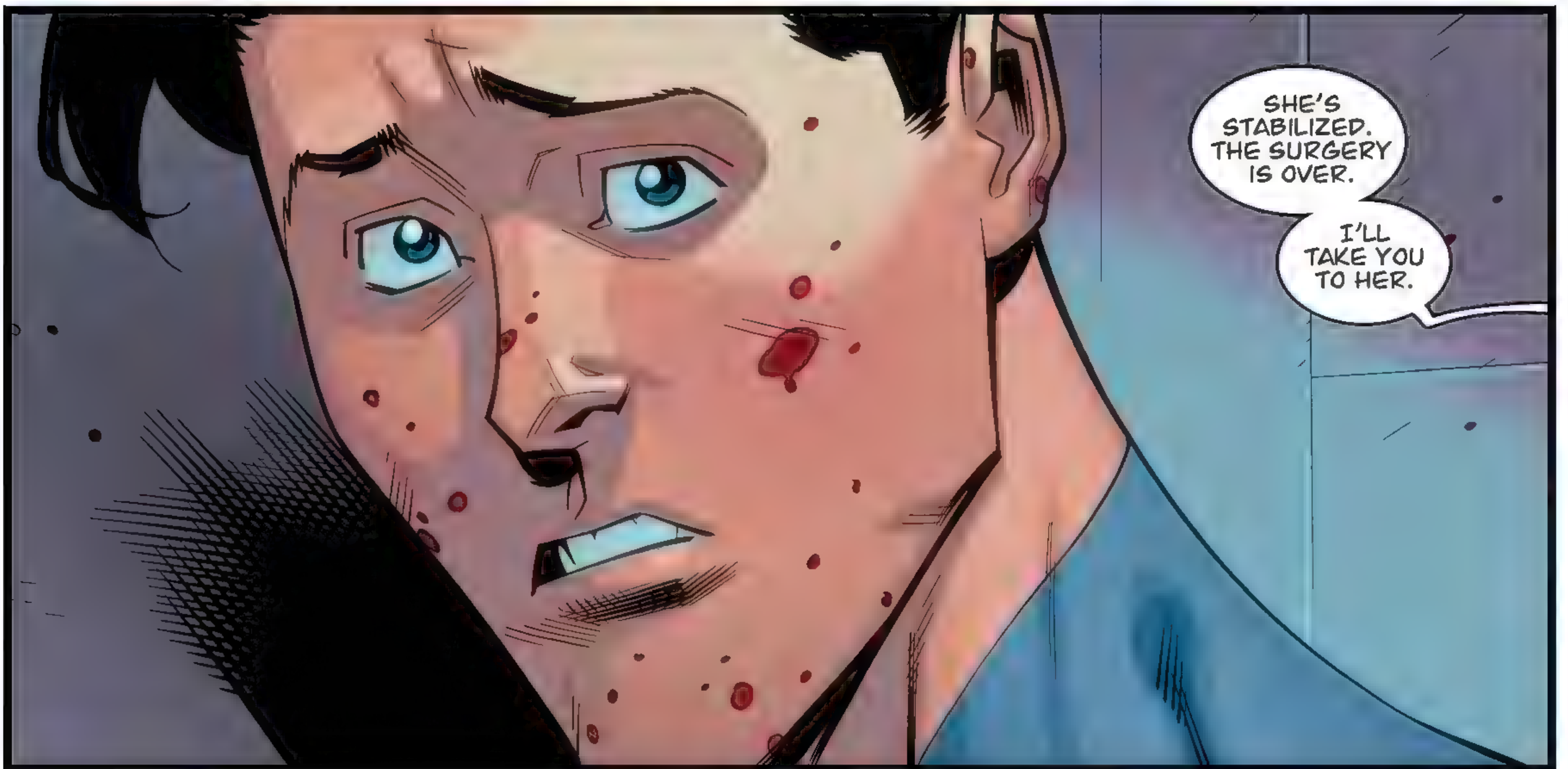
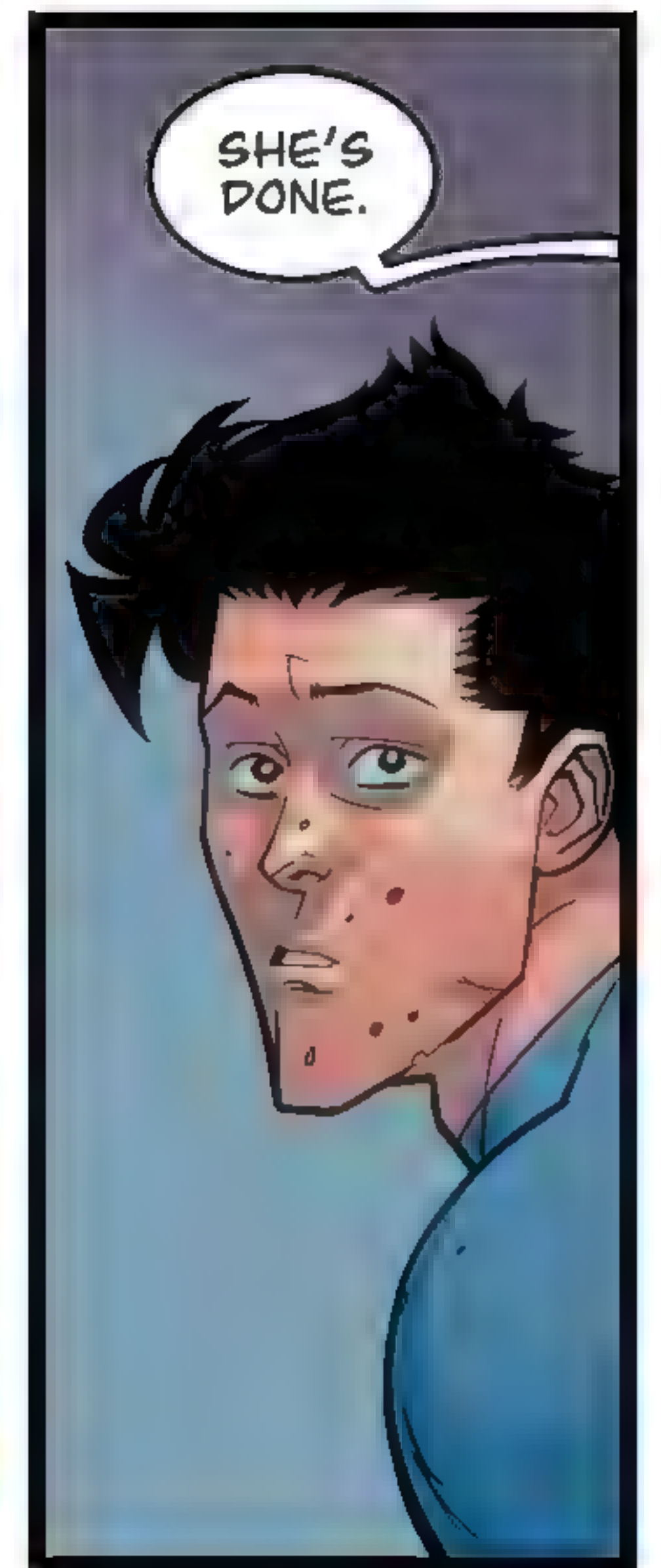
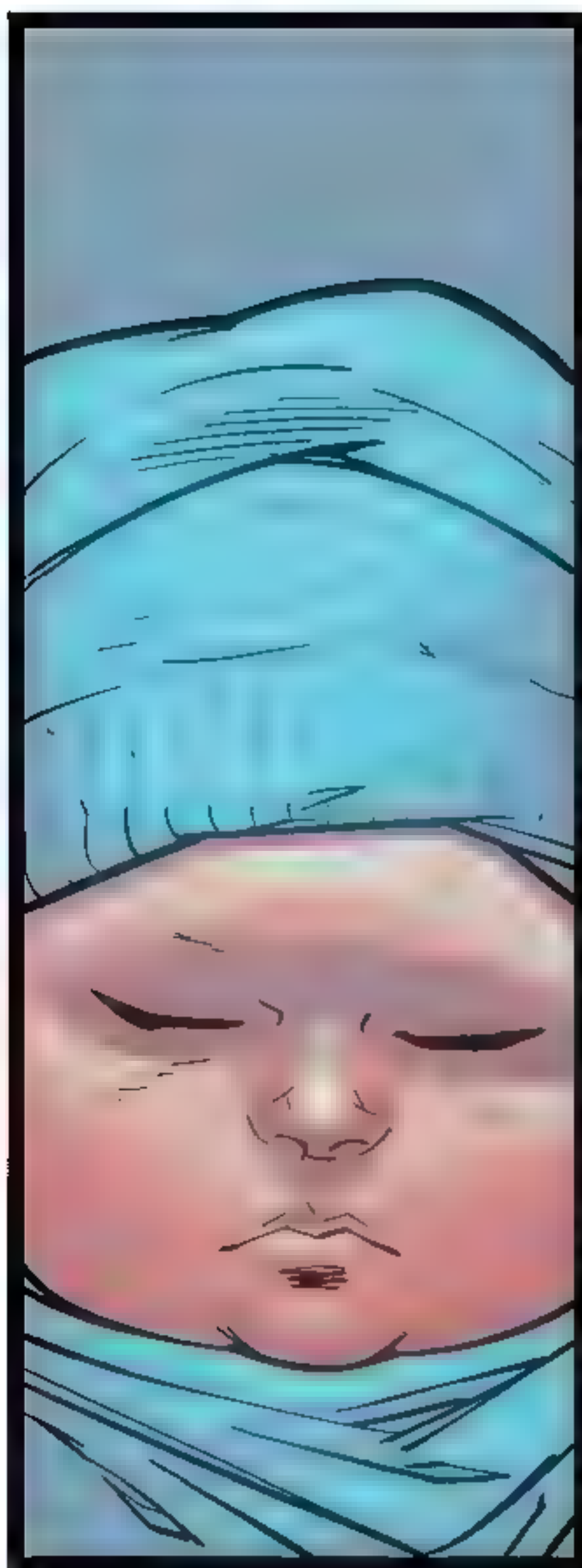
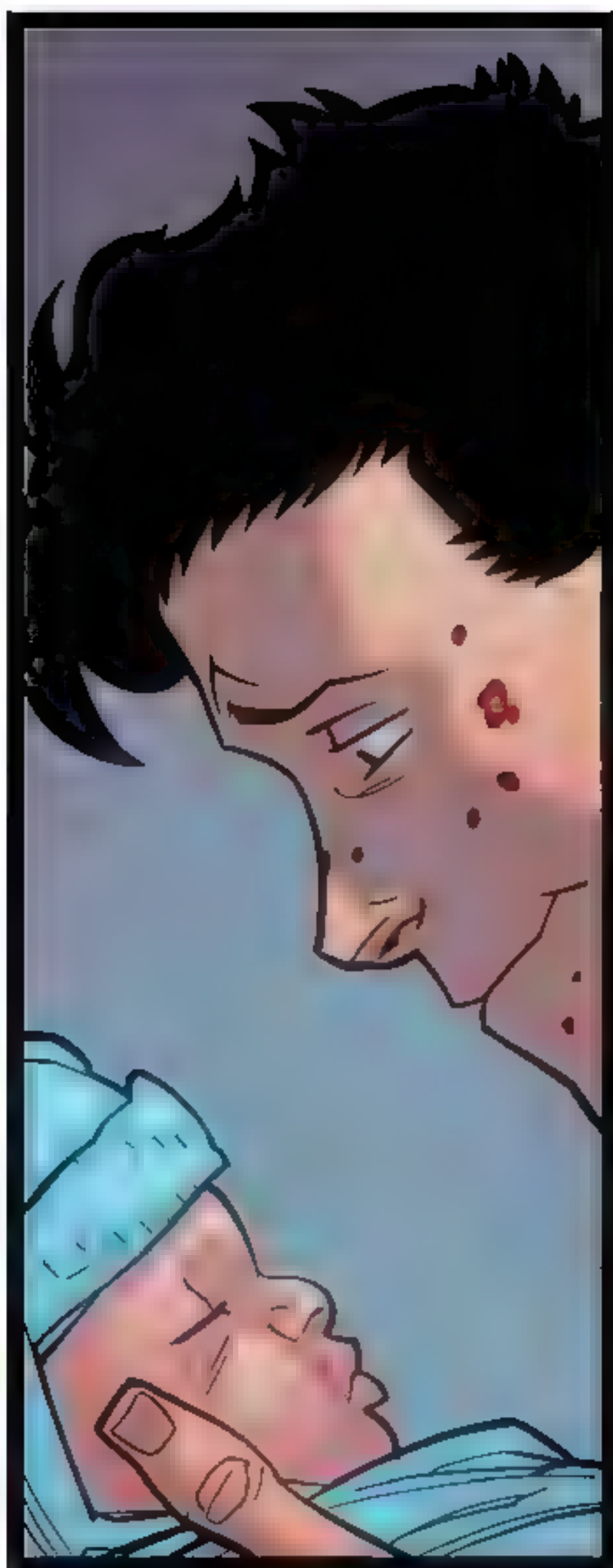
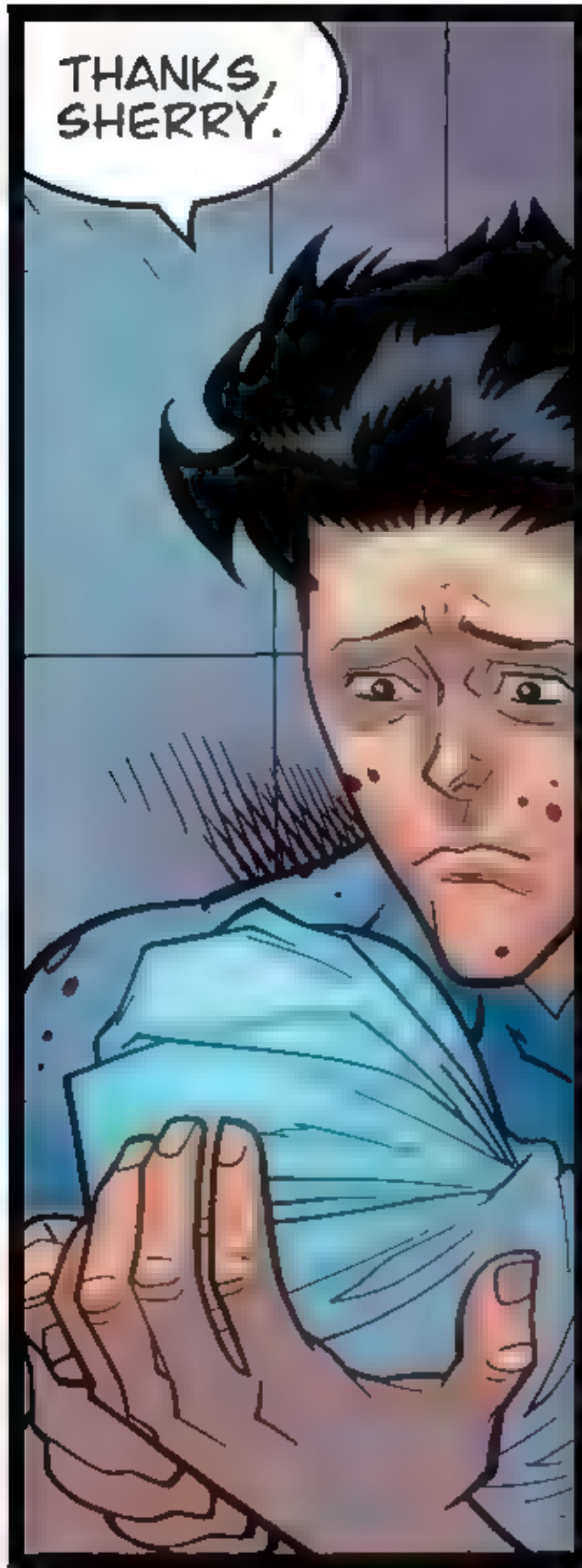
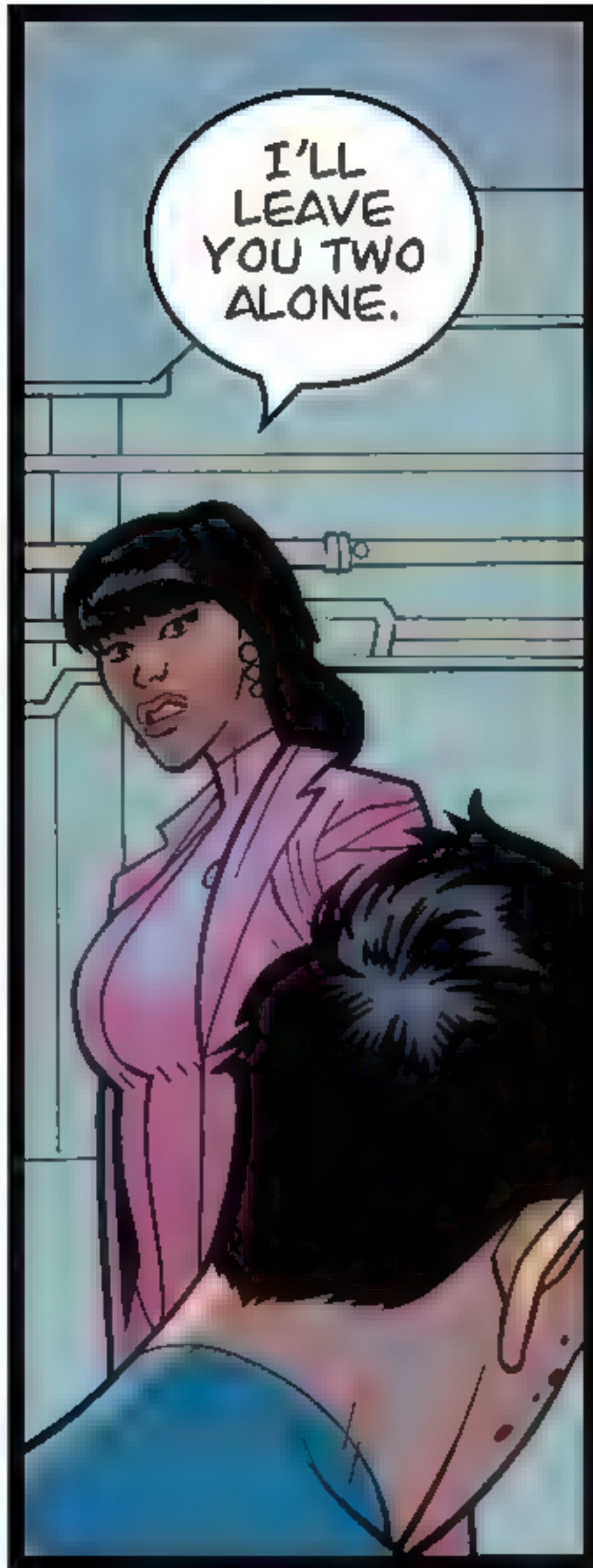
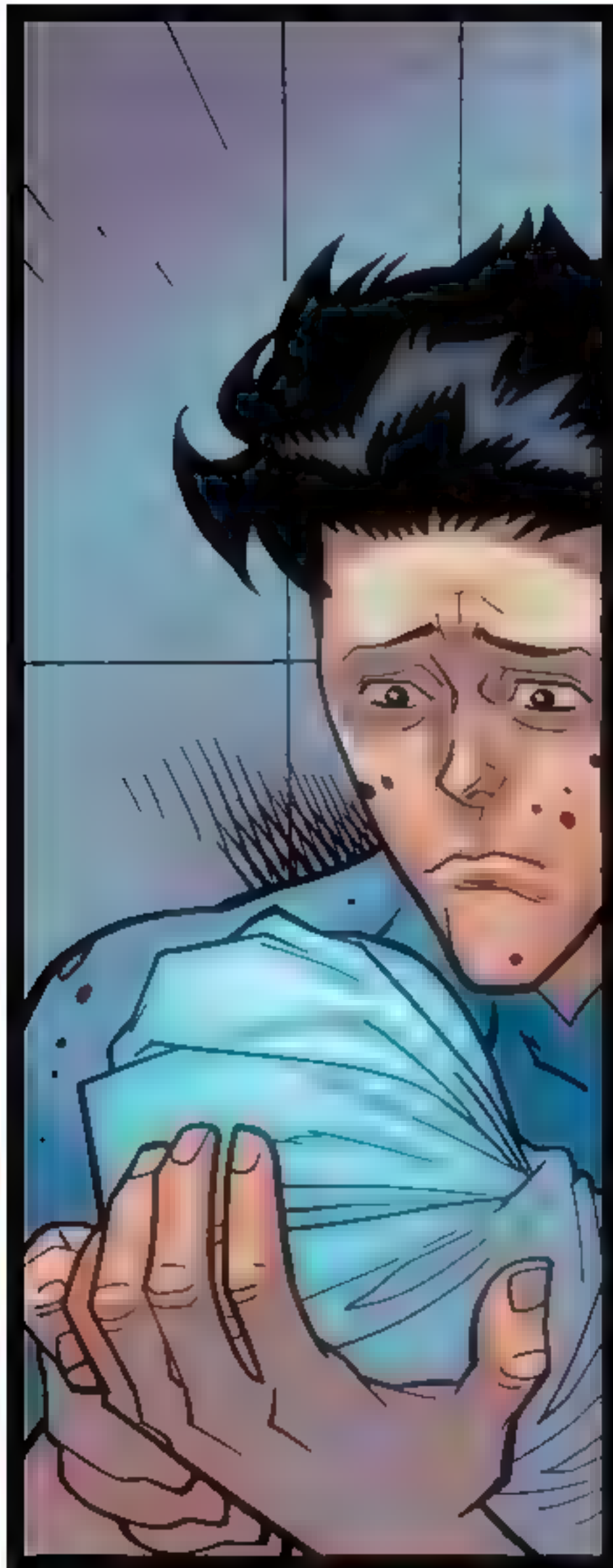




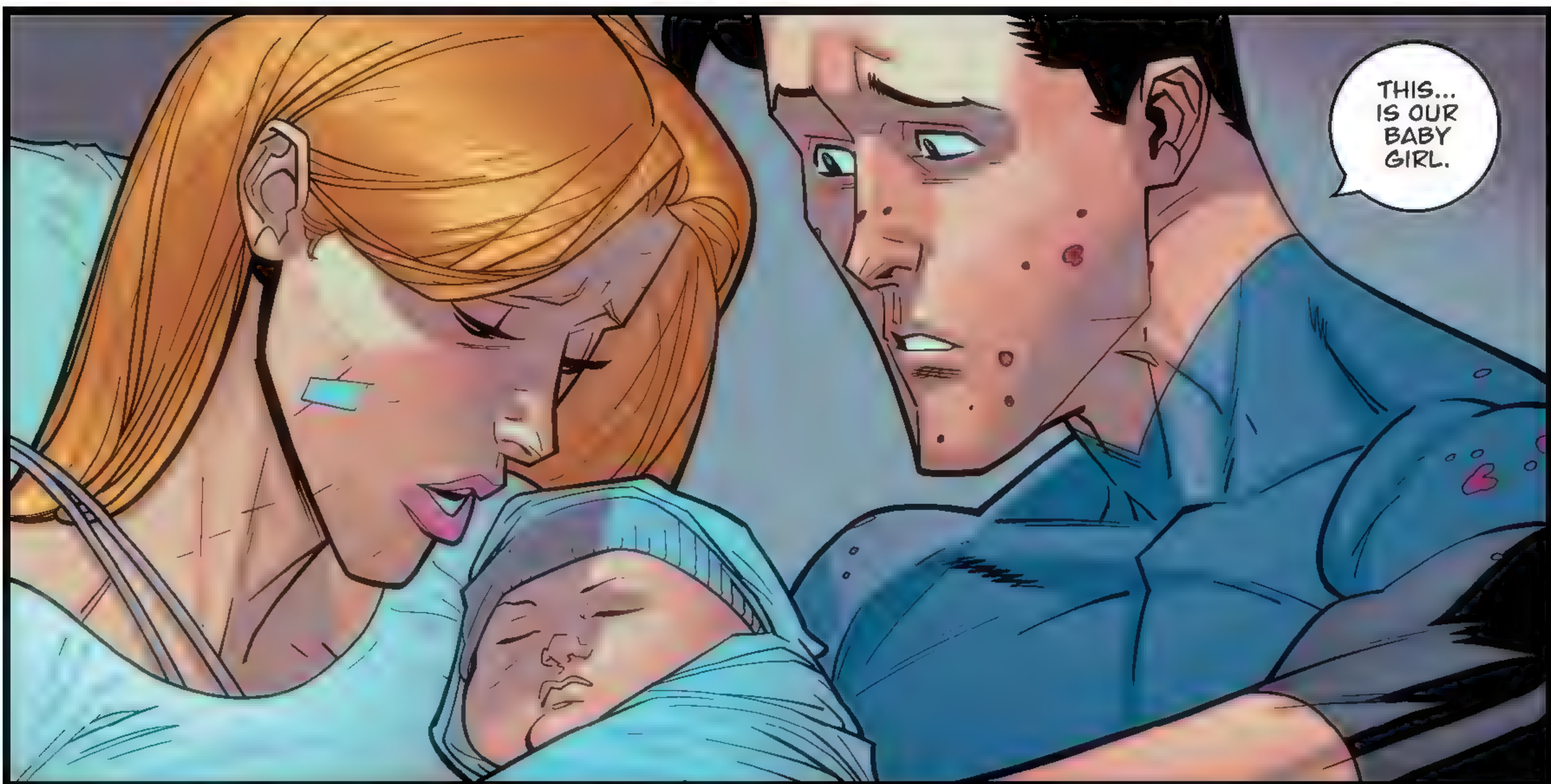
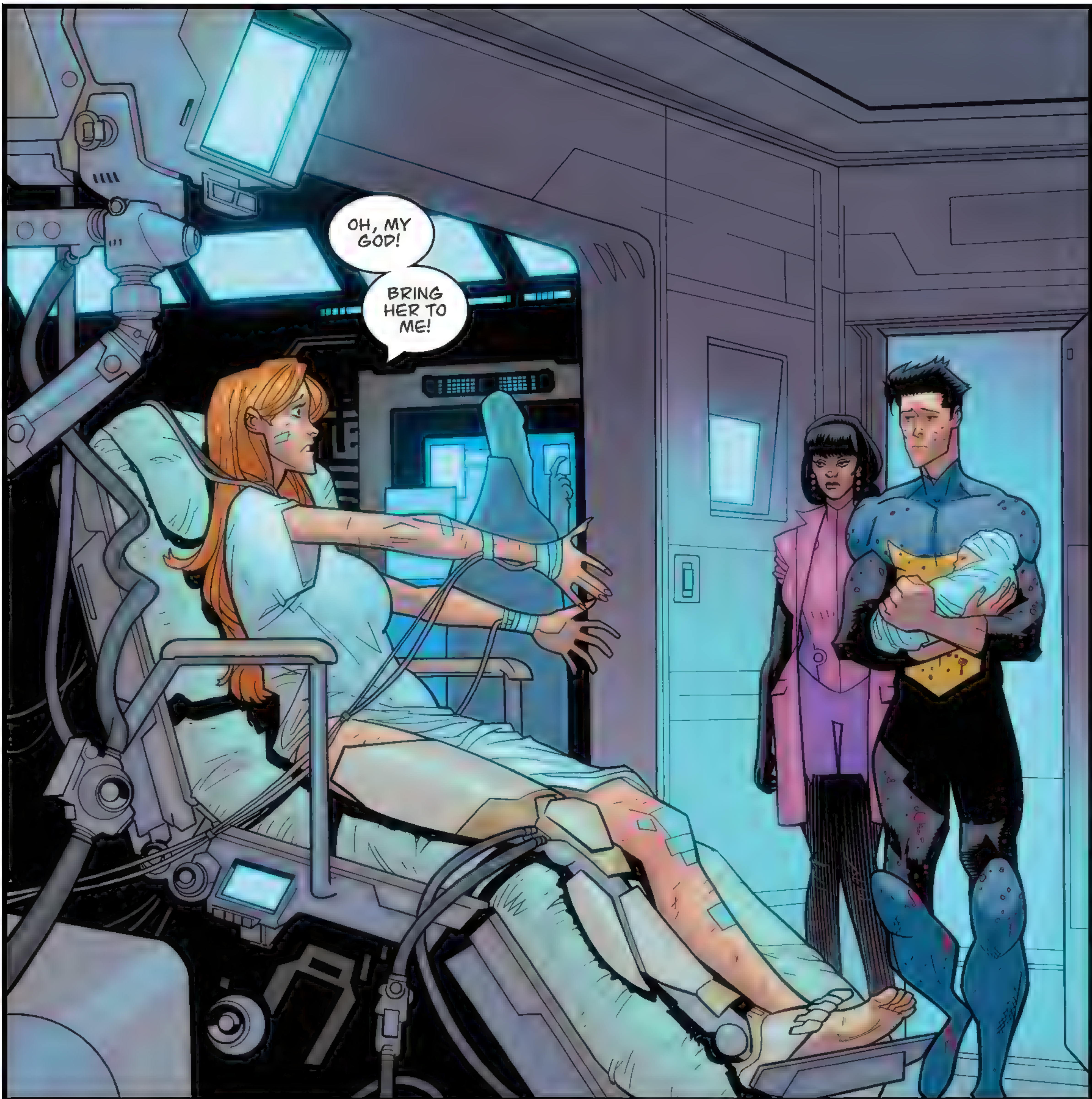




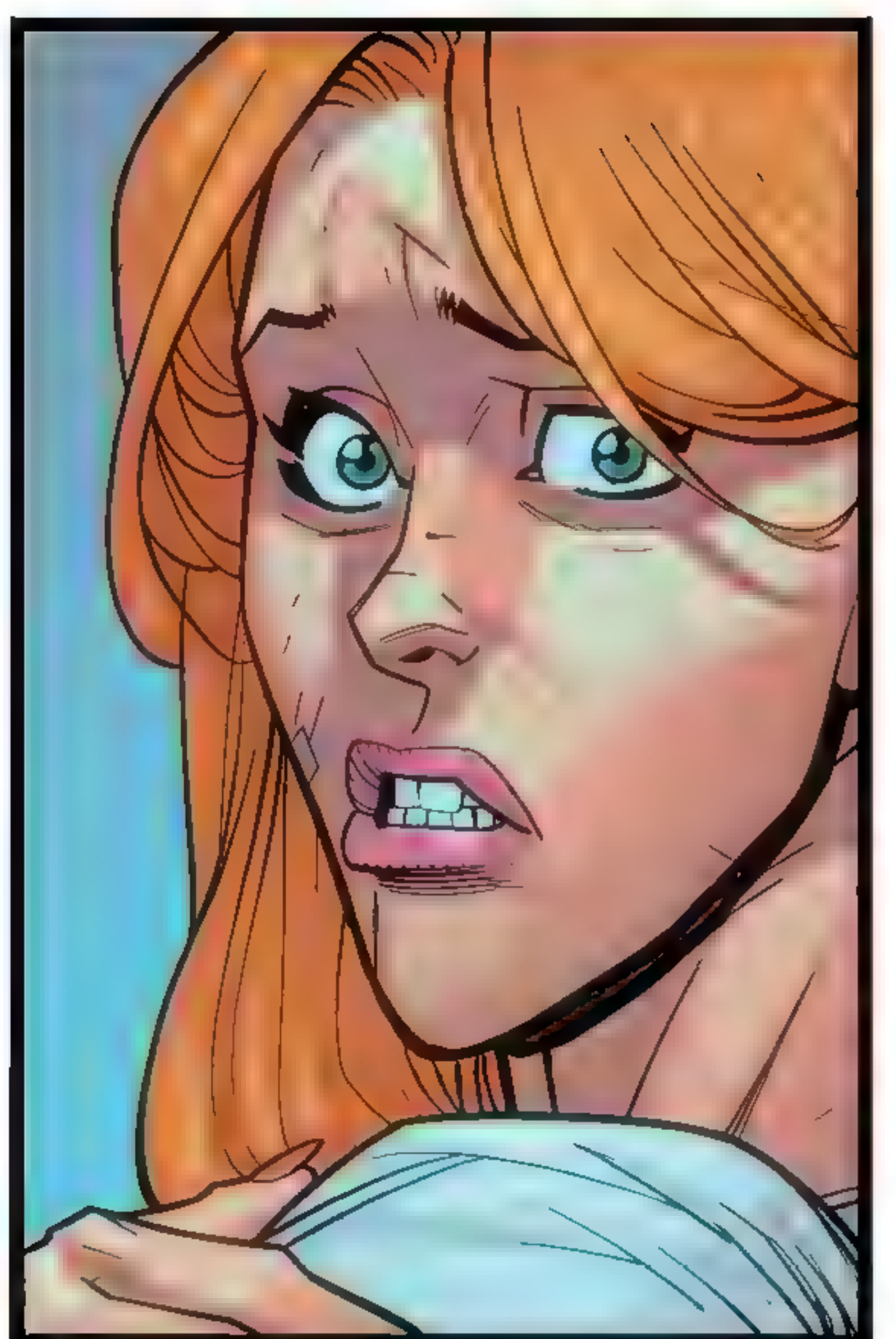
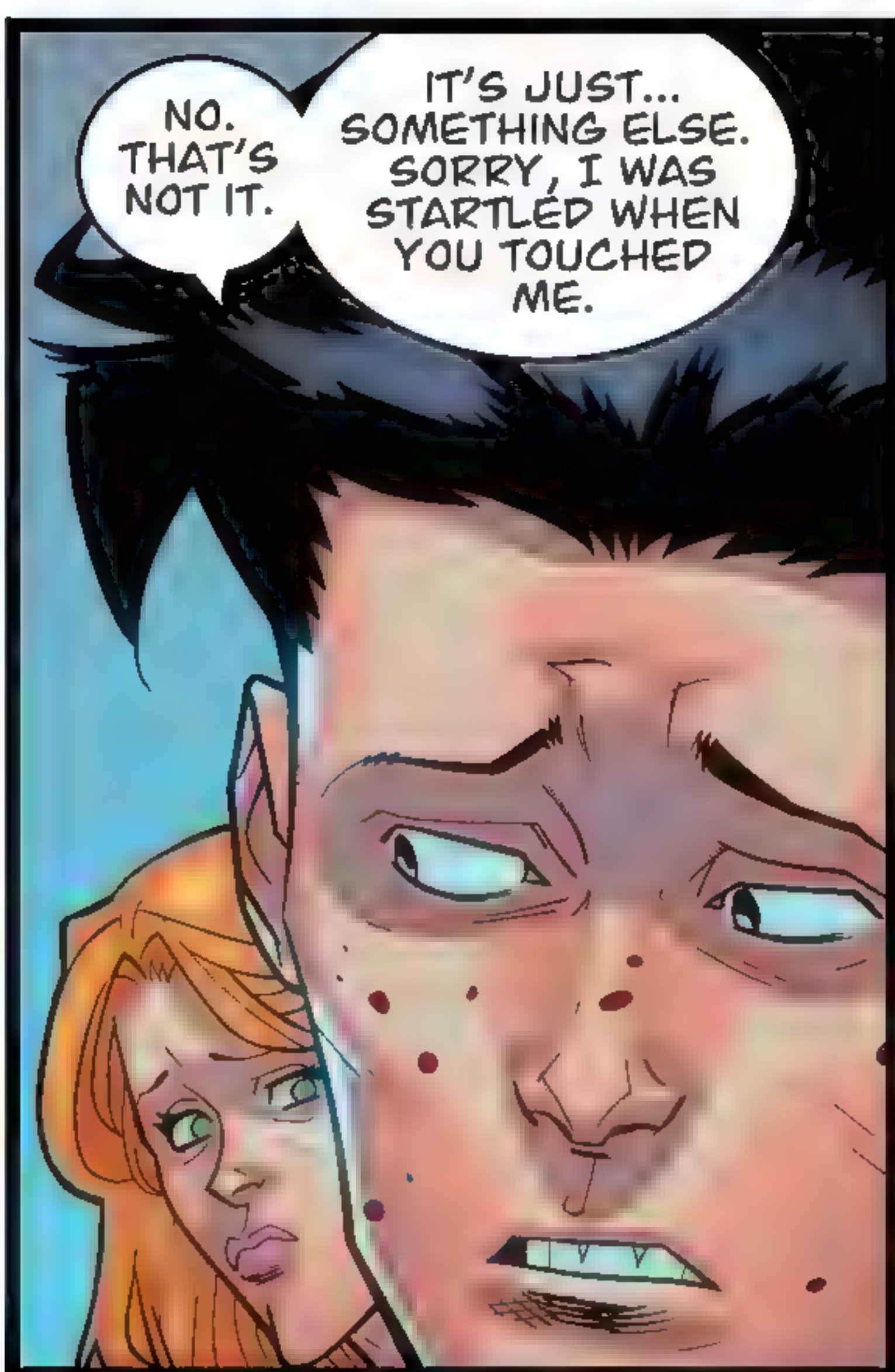
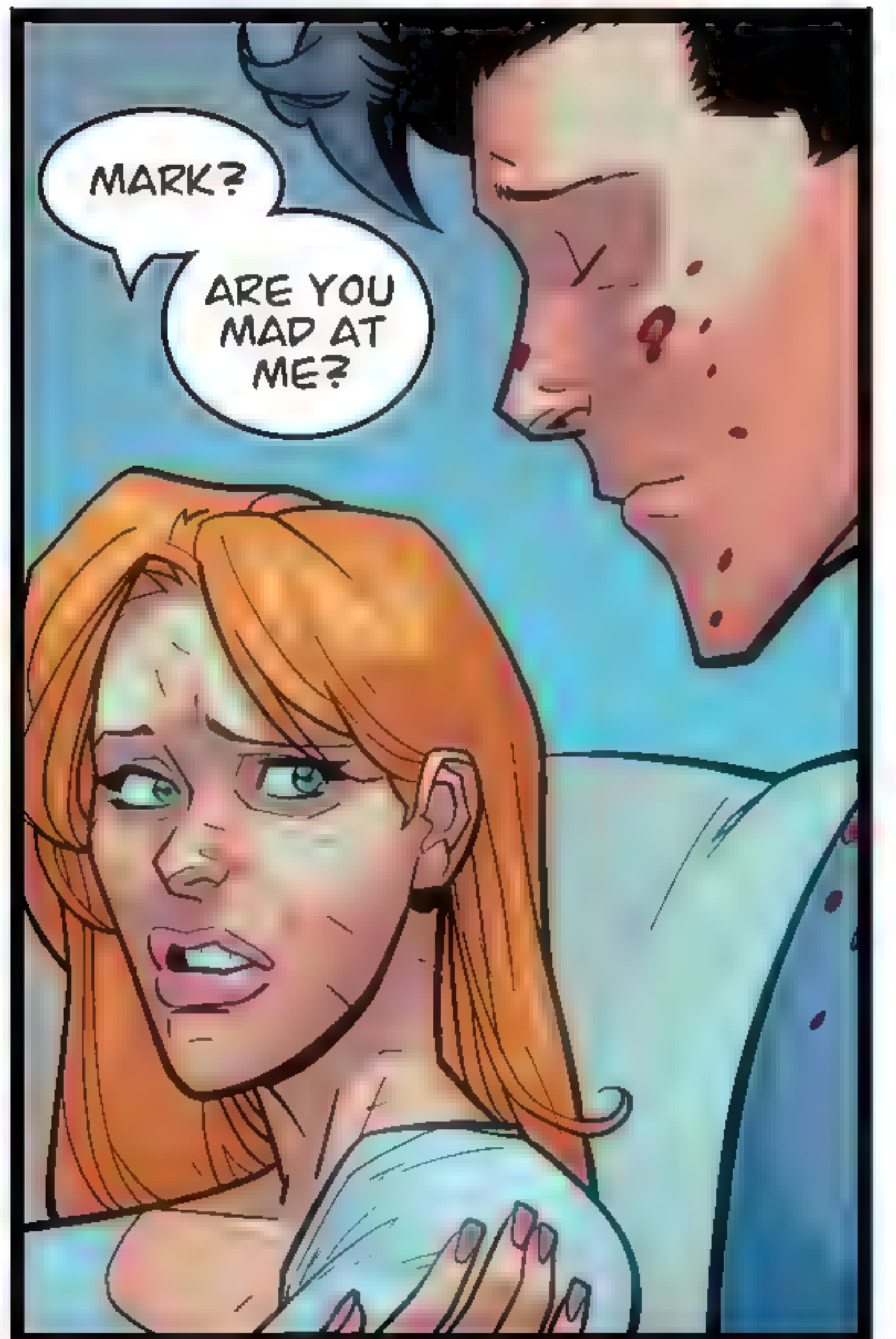














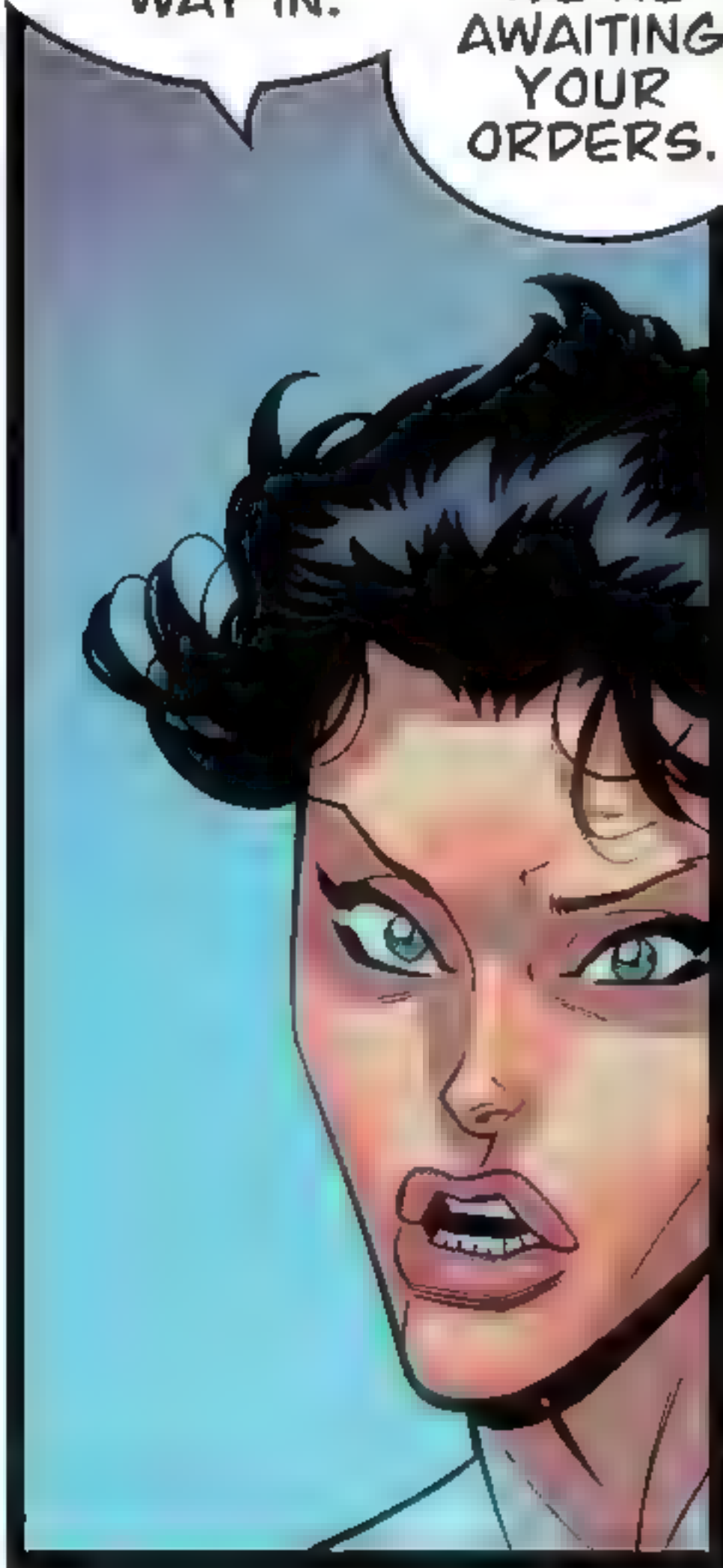






WE'VE ANALYZED THE STATION WE BELIEVE HE'S ON. WE'D HAVE TO FORCE OUR WAY IN.

WE'RE AWAITING YOUR ORDERS.



HE WAS YOUR FRIEND, MARK. DO YOU FEEL HE COULD BE REASONED WITH?

AT THIS POINT... NO.

HE'S CHANGED... SO MUCH. I DON'T FEEL LIKE I EVEN KNOW HIM ANYMORE.



NOLAN, SIRE!

YES?

MISSED YOU.

WE'VE BEEN MONITORING THE STATION AS YOU REQUESTED. ONE OF HIS DRONES LEFT AND...

...IT'S COMING HERE.



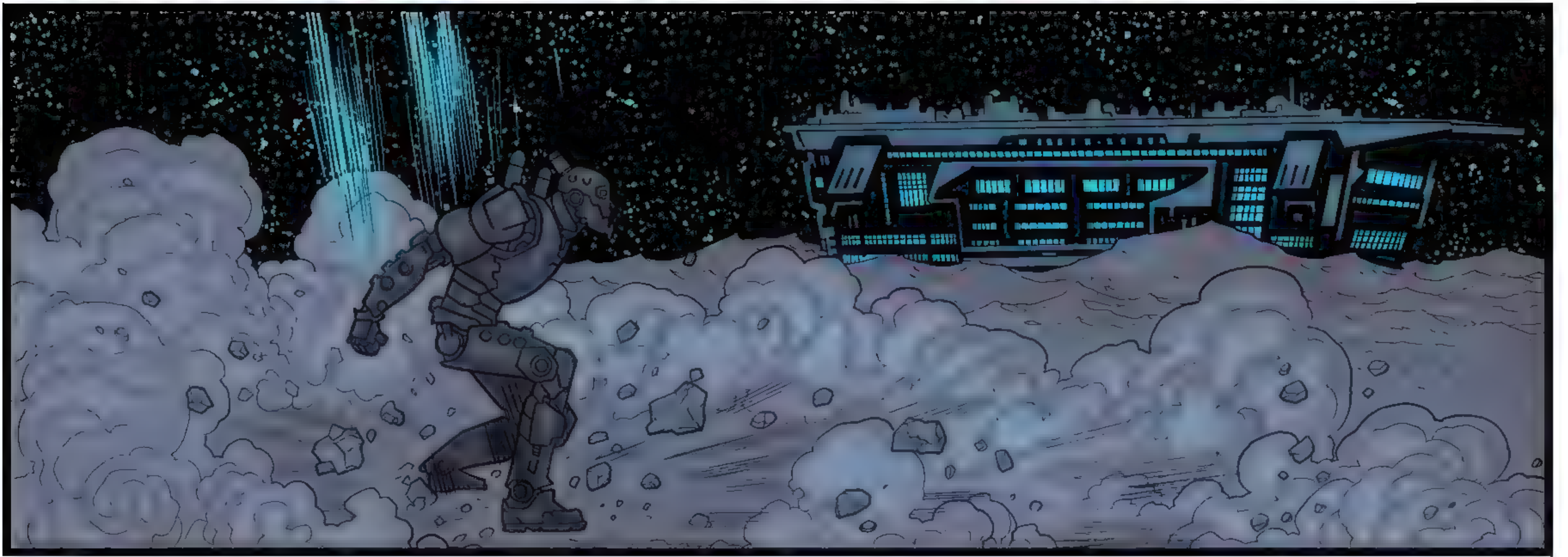
I CAN--



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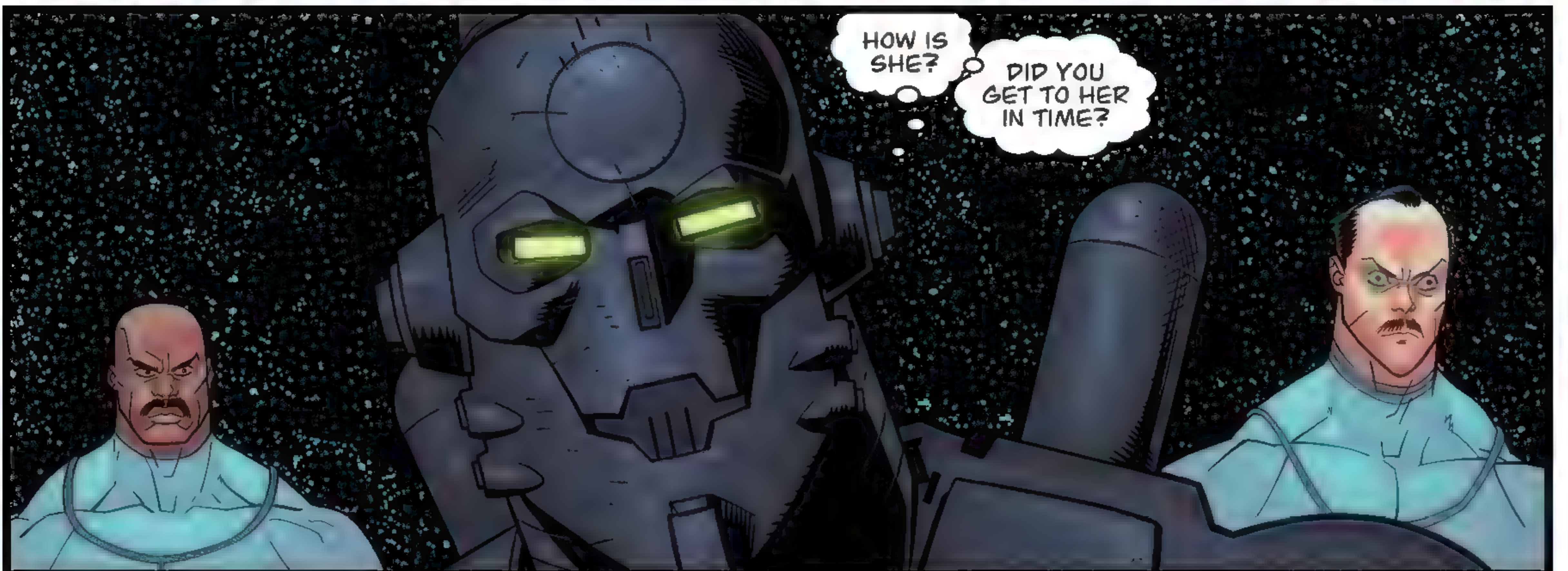
THIS IS OUR BUSINESS. YOU BE WITH EVE AND YOUR CHILD. KEEP THEM SAFE.





I KNOW  
YOU HAVE  
HER.

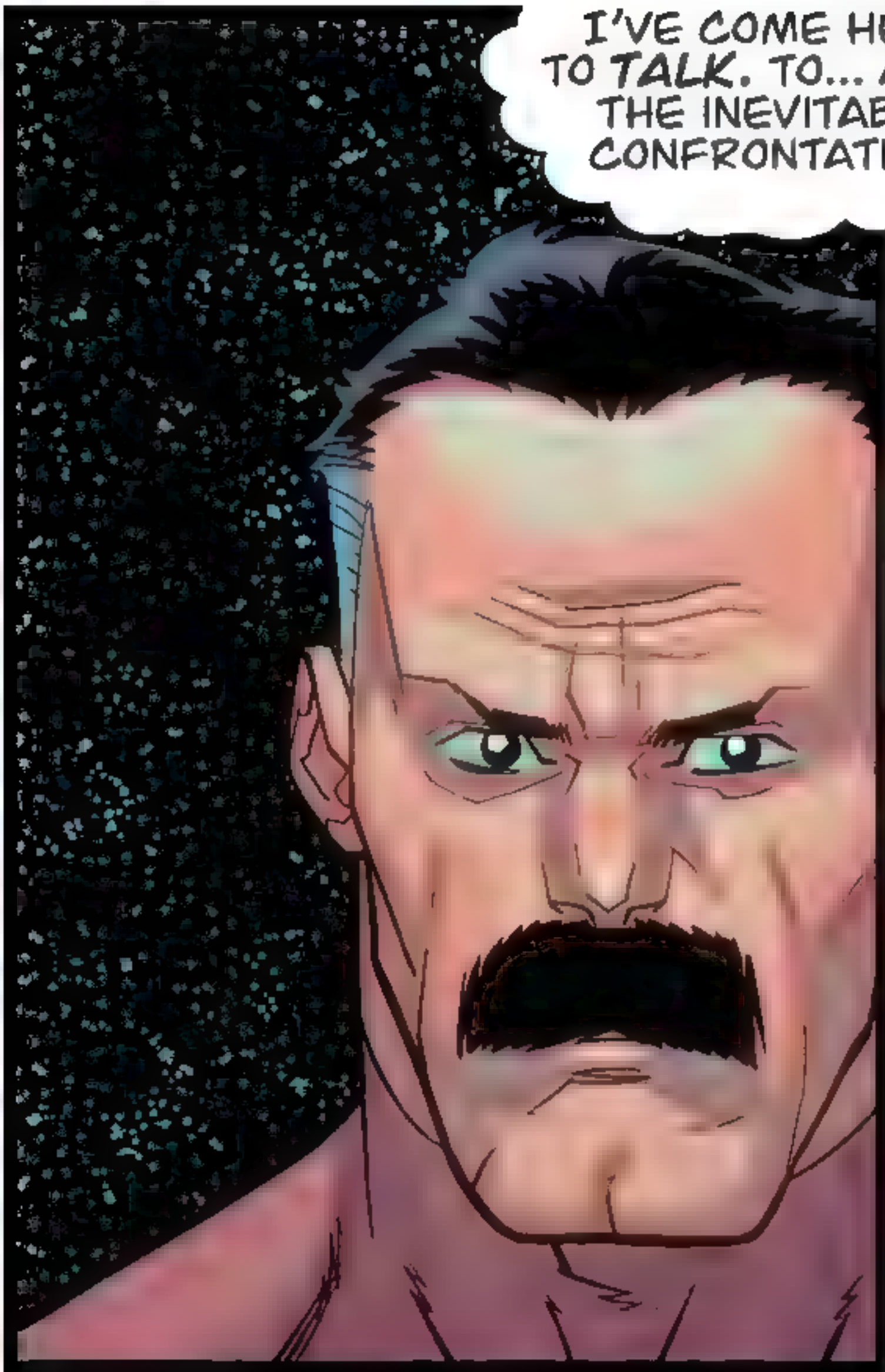
I TELL MYSELF THAT I  
ALLOWED HER TO LIVE SO  
THAT SHE COULD INITIATE  
THIS MEETING. BUT DEEP  
DOWN, I THINK I KNOW  
I WANTED YOU TO  
SAVE HER.



HOW IS  
SHE?

DID YOU  
GET TO HER  
IN TIME?





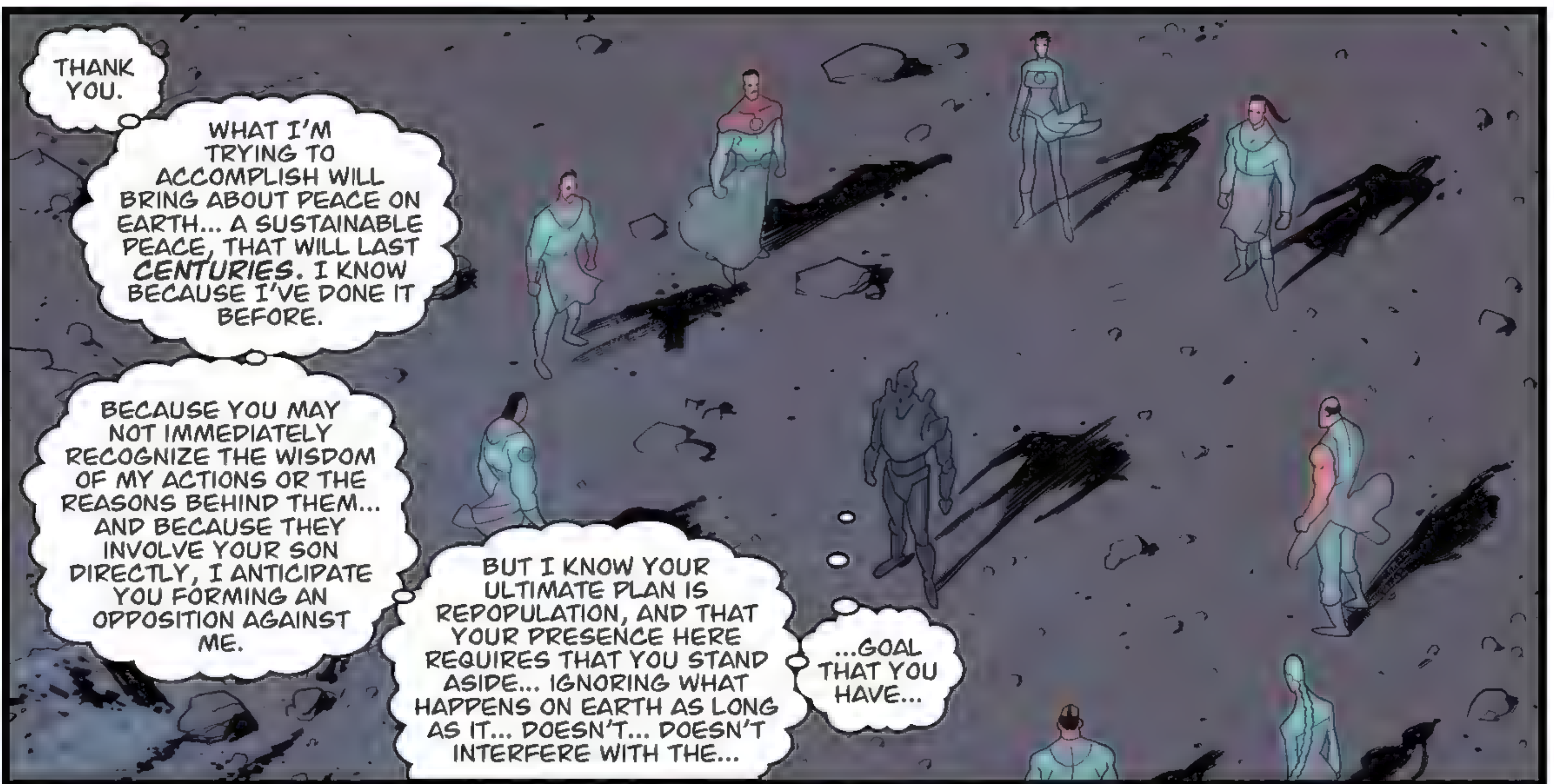
I'VE COME HERE  
TO TALK. TO... AVOID  
THE INEVITABLE  
CONFRONTATION.



TELLING ME HER STATUS  
WOULD BE A GOOD  
GESTURE... I WOULD...  
APPRECIATE IT.



SHE'S  
STABLE.



THANK  
YOU.

WHAT I'M  
TRYING TO  
ACCOMPLISH WILL  
BRING ABOUT PEACE ON  
EARTH... A SUSTAINABLE  
PEACE, THAT WILL LAST  
CENTURIES. I KNOW  
BECAUSE I'VE DONE IT  
BEFORE.

BECAUSE YOU MAY  
NOT IMMEDIATELY  
RECOGNIZE THE WISDOM  
OF MY ACTIONS OR THE  
REASONS BEHIND THEM...  
AND BECAUSE THEY  
INVOLVE YOUR SON  
DIRECTLY, I ANTICIPATE  
YOU FORMING AN  
OPPOSITION AGAINST  
ME.

BUT I KNOW YOUR  
ULTIMATE PLAN IS  
REPOPULATION, AND THAT  
YOUR PRESENCE HERE  
REQUIRES THAT YOU STAND  
ASIDE... IGNORING WHAT  
HAPPENS ON EARTH AS LONG  
AS IT... DOESN'T... DOESN'T  
INTERFERE WITH THE...

...GOAL  
THAT YOU  
HAVE...



I'M... I'M SORRY.  
THERE'S A... I'M  
DEALING WITH A LOT  
HERE. IT'S BECOMING  
HARDER TO  
MULTITASK.

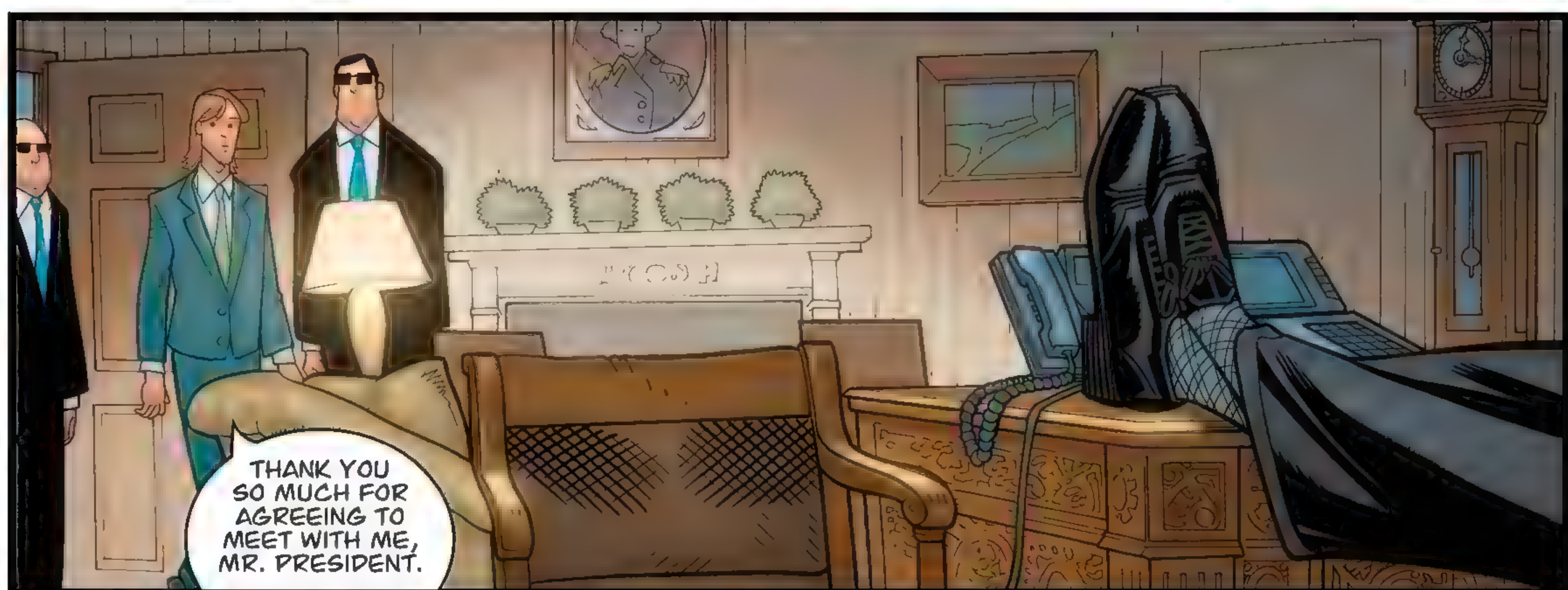
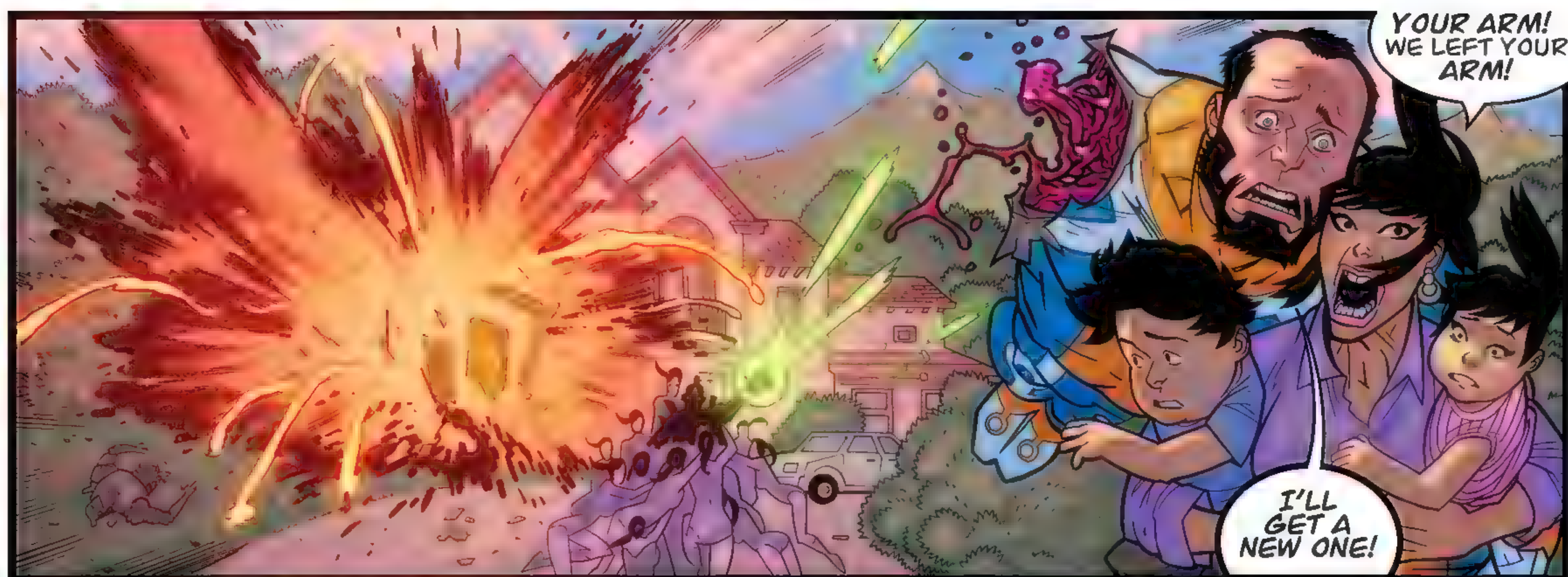
JUST  
GIVE ME A  
MINUTE.











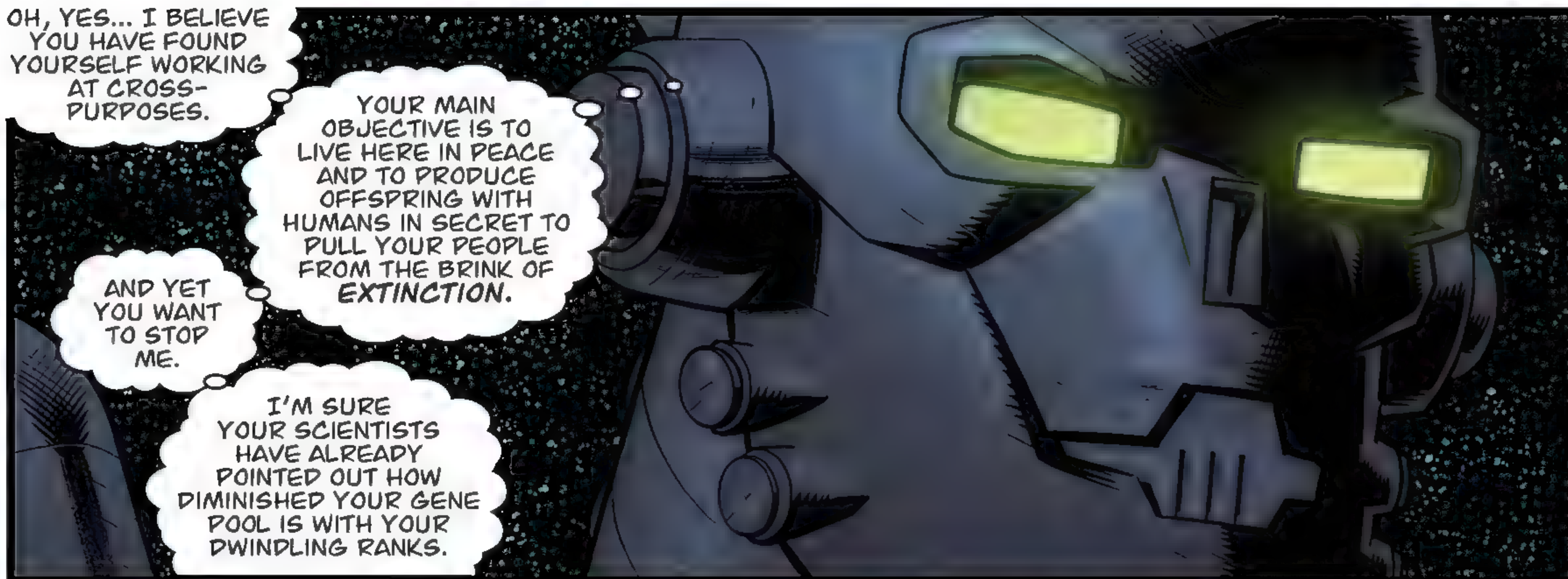


OH, YES... I BELIEVE  
YOU HAVE FOUND  
YOURSELF WORKING  
AT CROSS-  
PURPOSES.

AND YET  
YOU WANT  
TO STOP  
ME.

I'M SURE  
YOUR SCIENTISTS  
HAVE ALREADY  
POINTED OUT HOW  
DIMINISHED YOUR GENE  
POOL IS WITH YOUR  
DWINDLING RANKS.

YOUR MAIN  
OBJECTIVE IS TO  
LIVE HERE IN PEACE  
AND TO PRODUCE  
OFFSPRING WITH  
HUMANS IN SECRET TO  
PULL YOUR PEOPLE  
FROM THE BRINK OF  
EXTINCTION.



DO YOU  
REALLY WANT  
TO RISK LOSING  
MORE IN A FIGHT  
WITH ME?



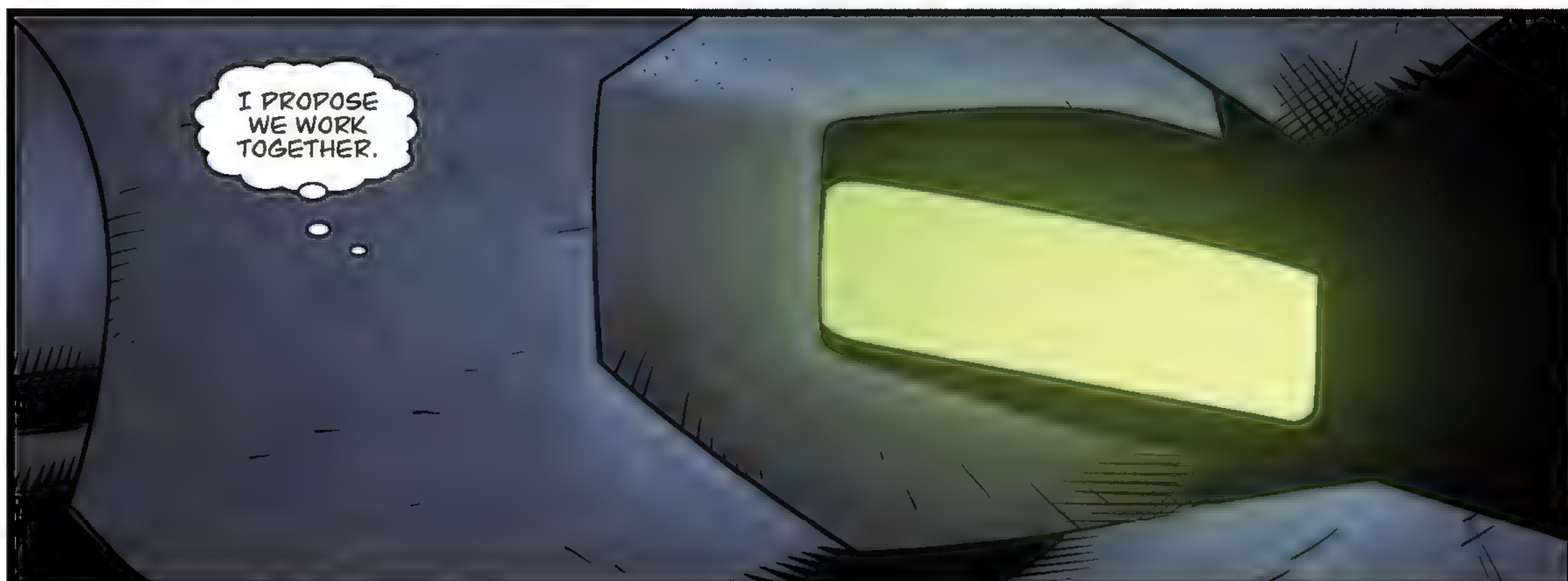
WERE YOU TO OPPOSE ME, I HAVE  
NO DOUBT YOU WOULD SUCCEED.  
YOU COULD TAKE OVER THIS ENTIRE  
PLANET EASILY... BUT AGAIN, NOT  
WITHOUT LOSING SOME  
OF YOUR OWN.

SO A FIGHT IS UNWISE  
FOR BOTH OF US AND I  
HAVE NO DESIRE TO FIGHT  
YOU. MY ULTIMATE GOAL  
IS TO CREATE A UTOPIAN  
SOCIETY ON EARTH...  
TO DO AWAY WITH ALL THE  
DANGER AND TURMOIL  
THAT TAKES PLACE  
SO REGULARLY  
THERE.

TO CREATE  
A PERFECT  
BREEDING  
GROUND.



I PROPOSE  
WE WORK  
TOGETHER.







I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOU. I'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN.

DON'T INSULT ME.

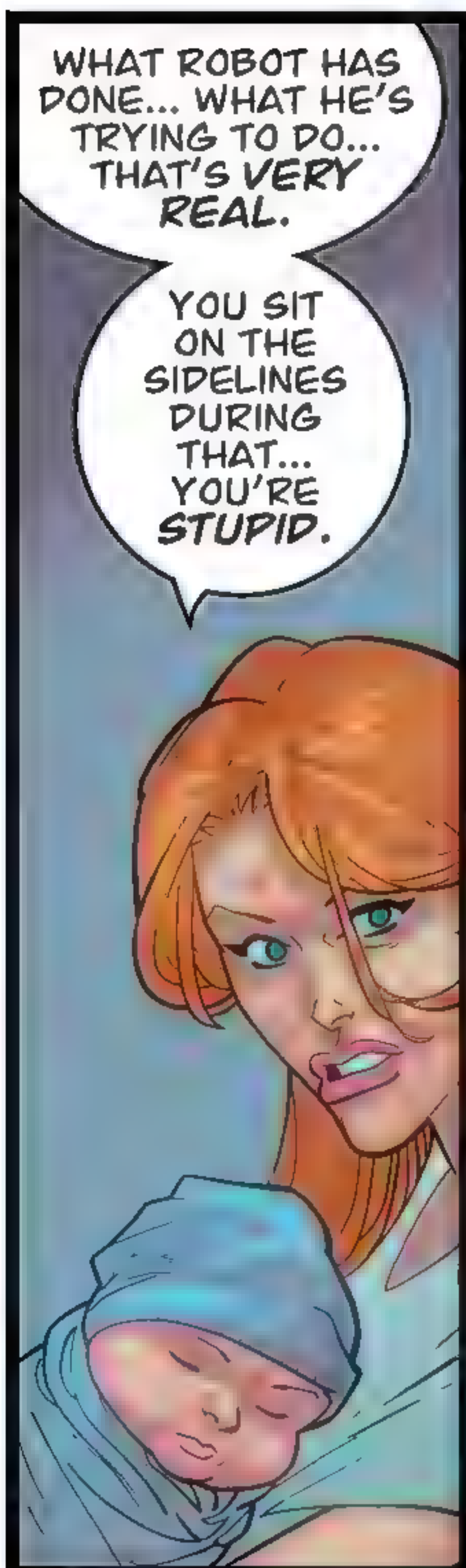
WHAT?



DON'T MAKE ME OUT TO BE SOME SCARED CHILD WHO CAN'T BE ALONE. THAT'S NEVER WHAT THIS WAS.

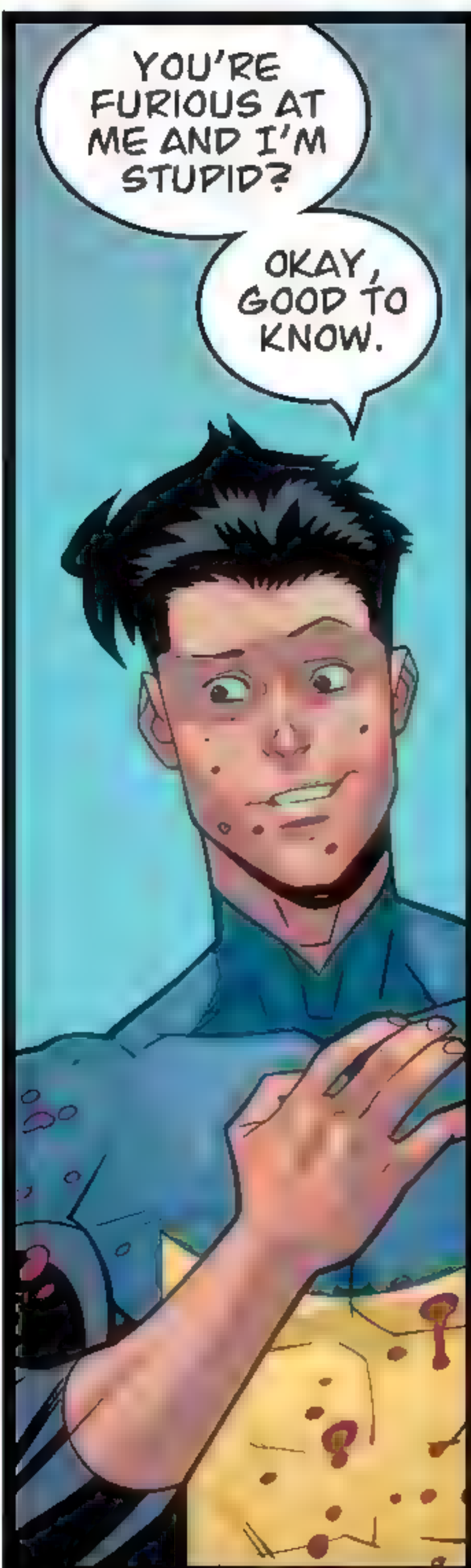
I'VE BEEN A SUPERHERO LONGER THAN YOU. I CAN HANDLE MYSELF.

I WAS MAD AT YOU... NO, **FURIOUS** THAT YOU WERE RISKING YOUR LIFE TO FIND ANGSTROM LEVY, BECAUSE HE "**MIGHT**" ATTACK AGAIN. YOU ABANDONED ME ON A **MAYBE**. THIS ISN'T THAT.



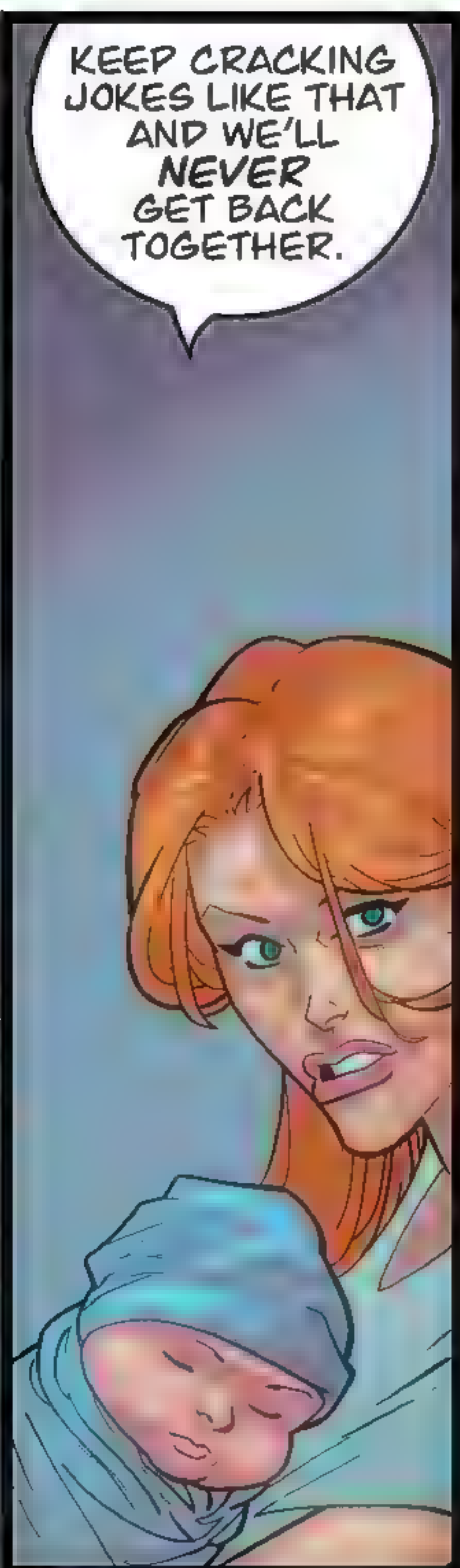
WHAT ROBOT HAS DONE... WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO... THAT'S VERY **REAL**.

YOU SIT ON THE SIDELINES DURING THAT... YOU'RE **STUPID**.

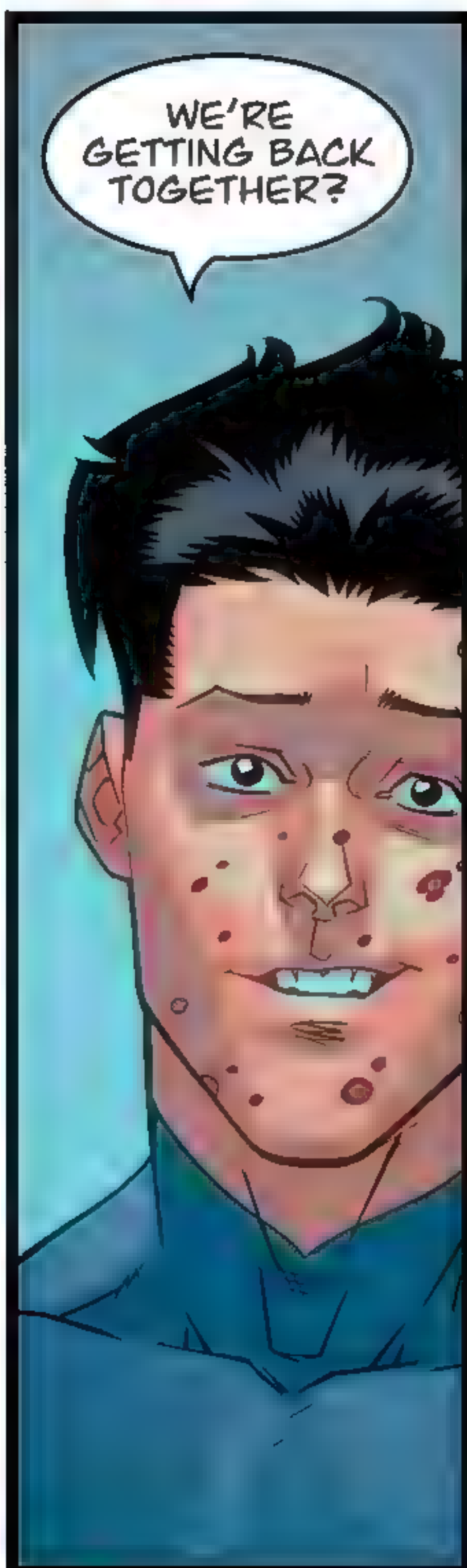


YOU'RE **FURIOUS** AT ME AND I'M **STUPID**?

OKAY, GOOD TO KNOW.



KEEP CRACKING JOKES LIKE THAT AND WE'LL **NEVER** GET BACK TOGETHER.



WE'RE GETTING BACK TOGETHER?



MARK...

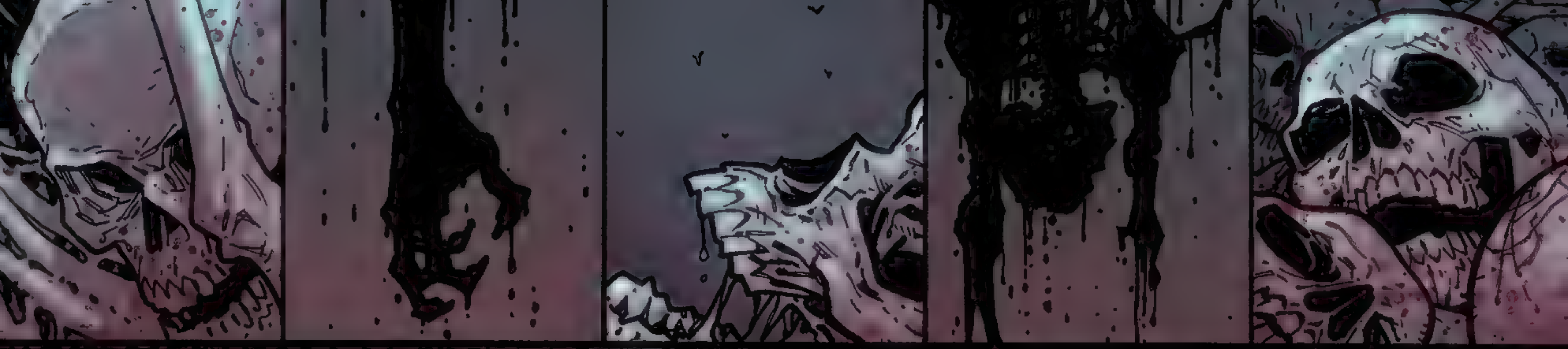




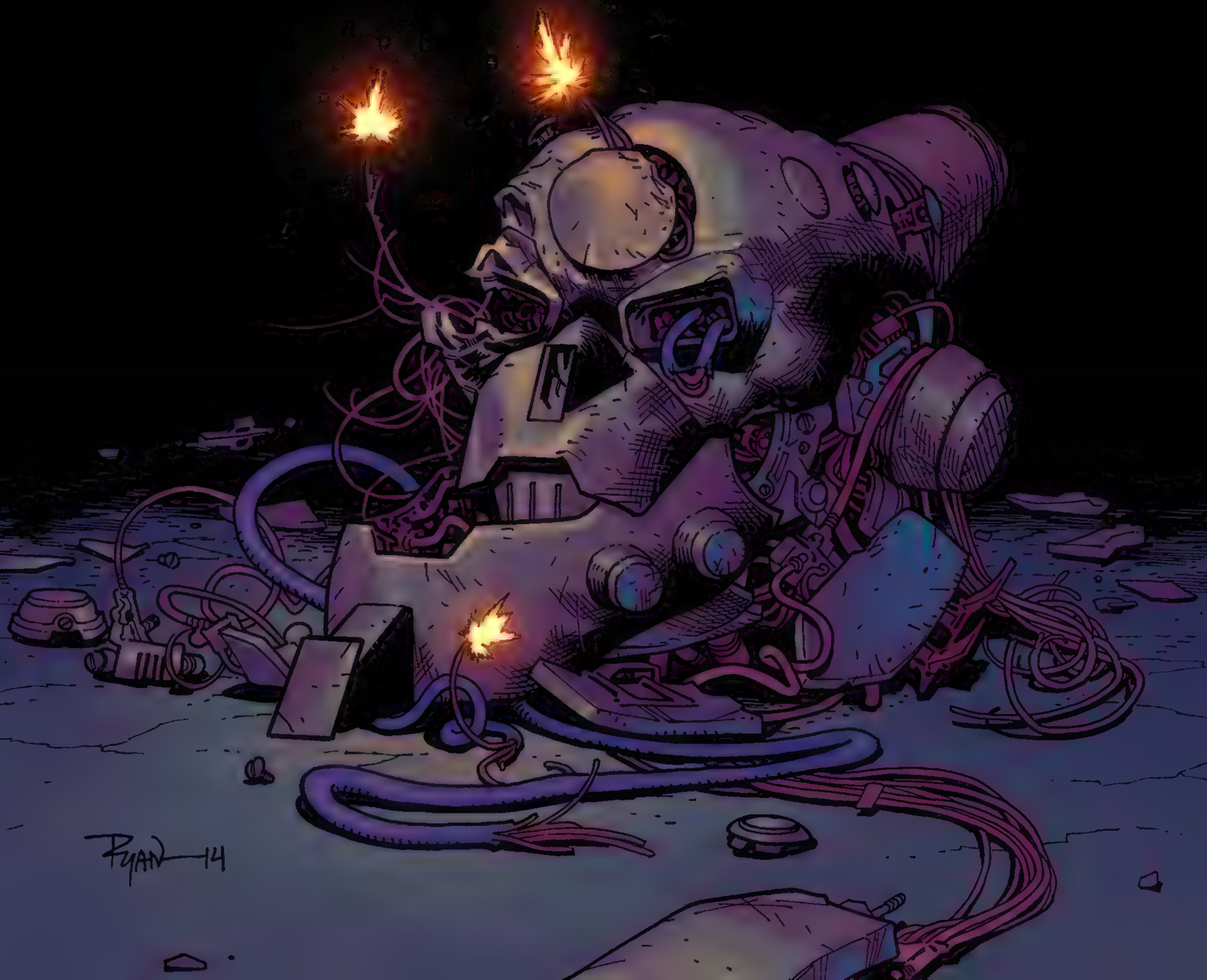




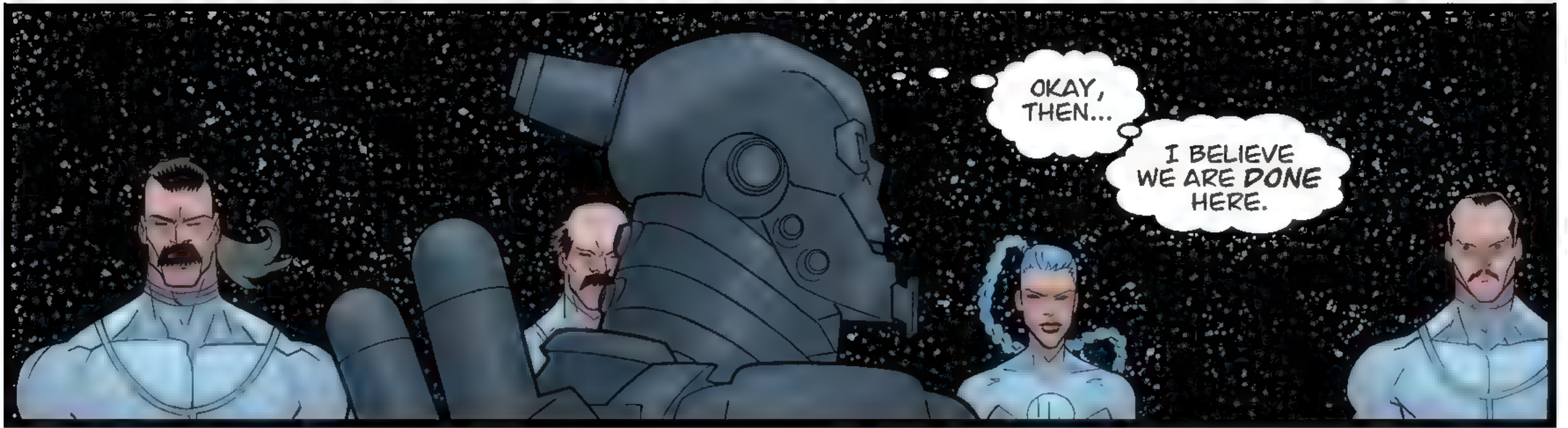




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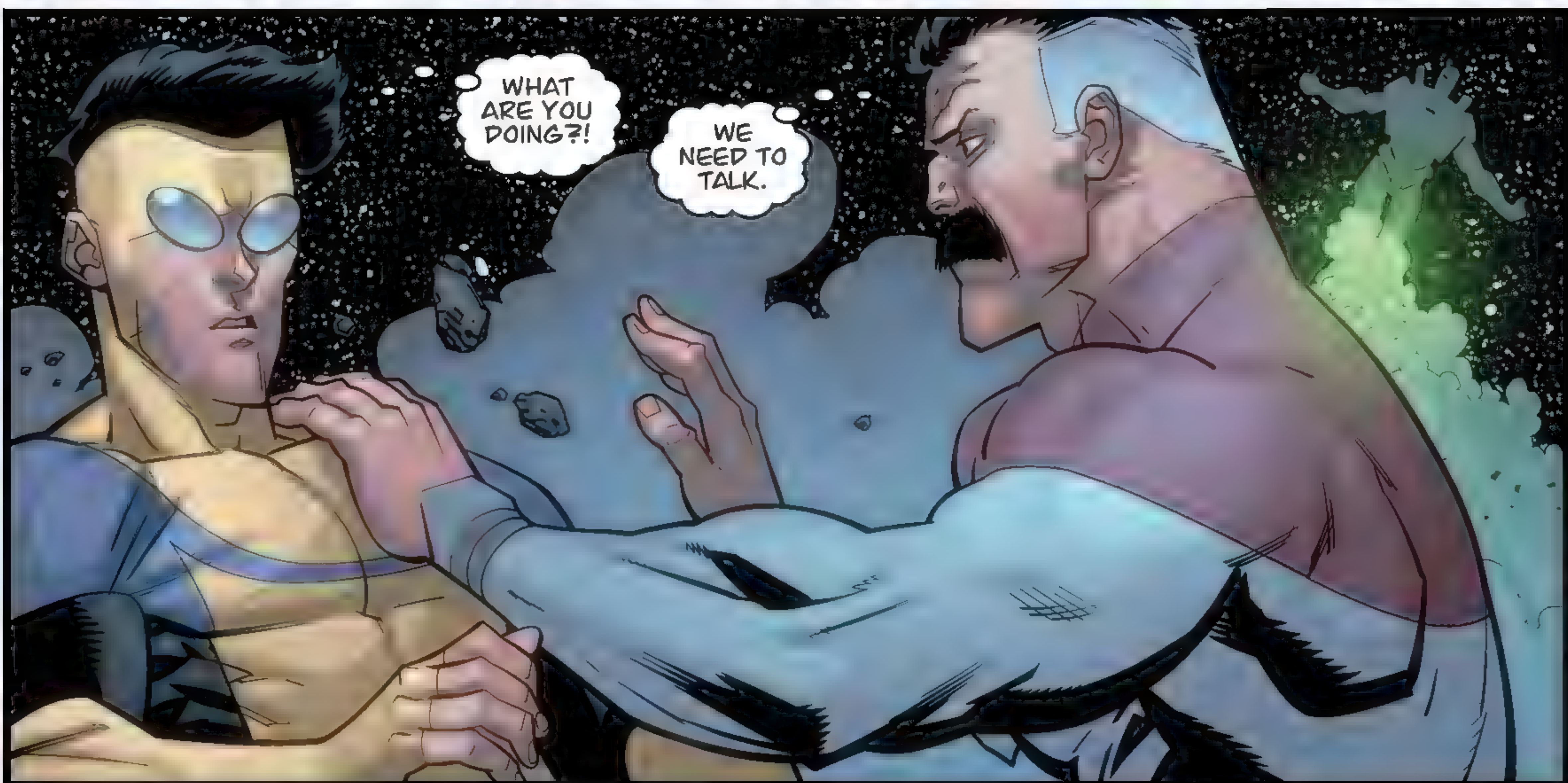
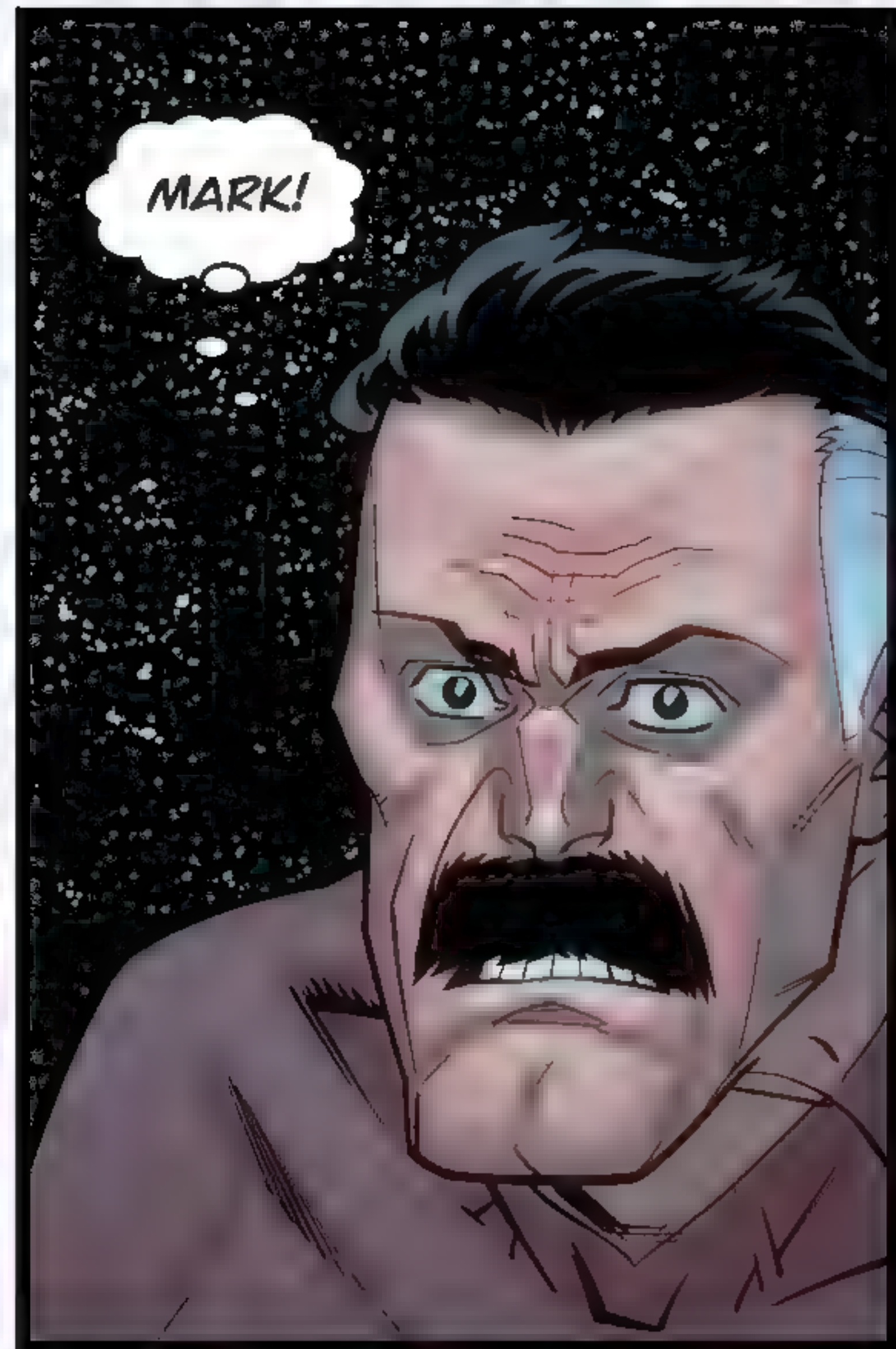




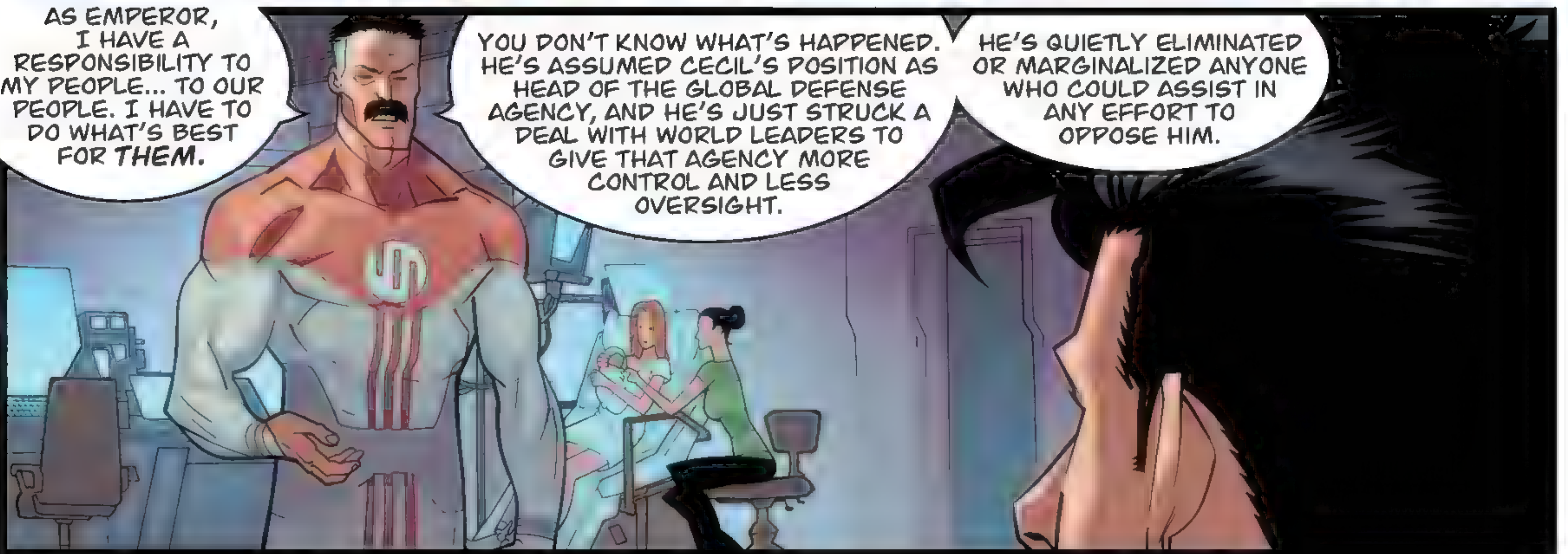
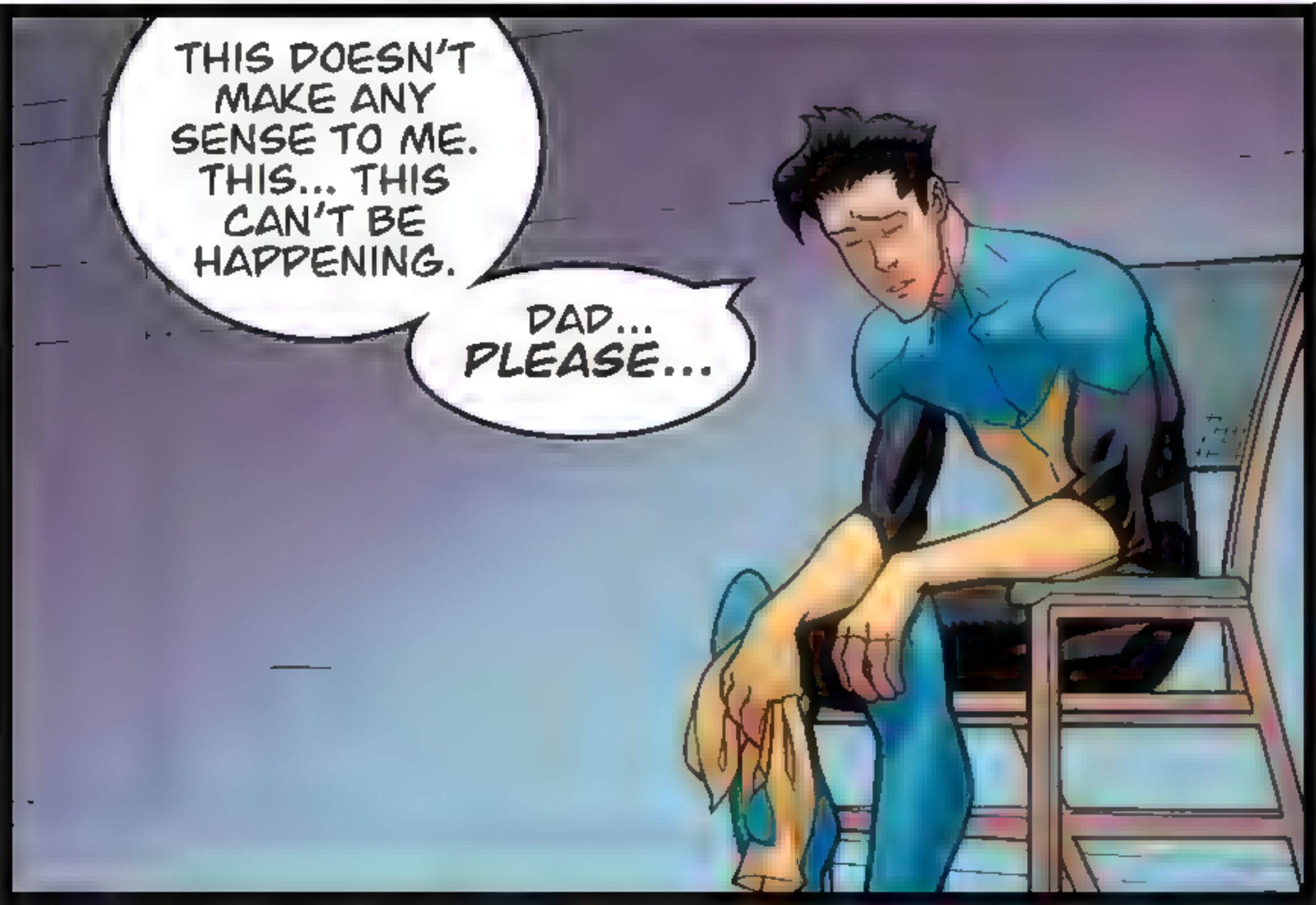
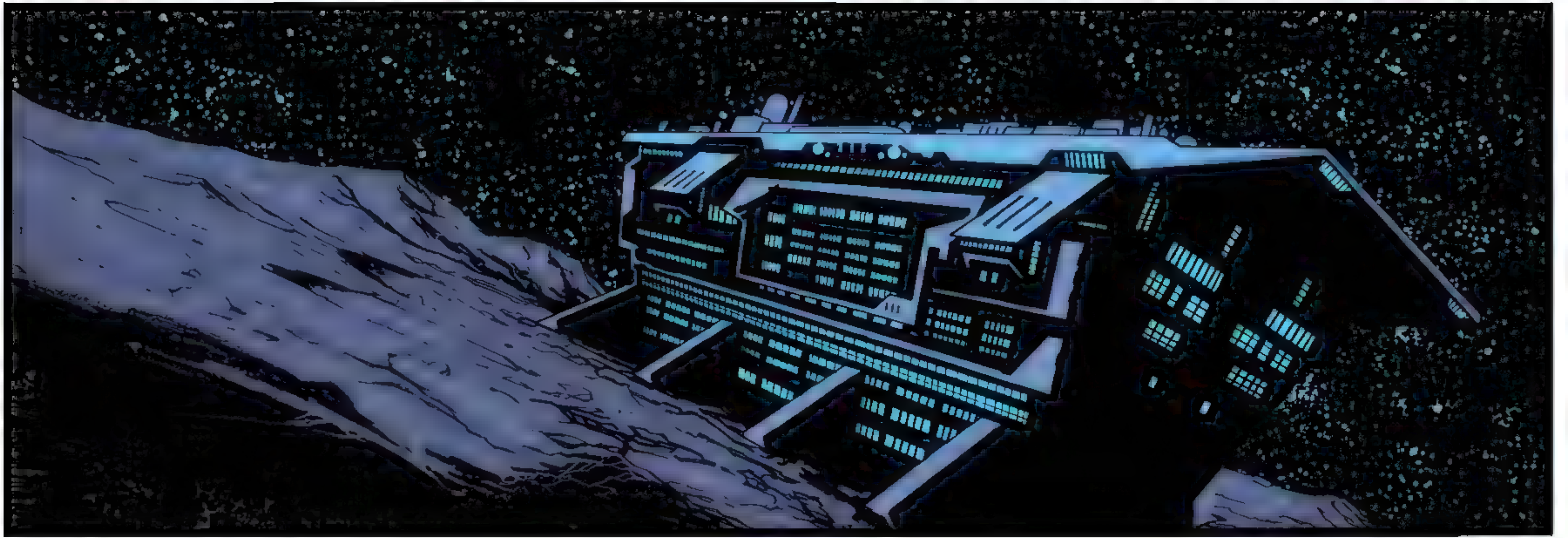














I HATE WHAT'S HAPPENING... I HATE THE POSITION WE'RE IN. BUT YOU'RE ALL ALIVE.

I'M OKAY WITH ANYTHING THAT KEEPS IT THAT WAY.

I'VE KNOWN HIM LONGER THAN ANYONE... REX WAS A GOOD MAN... BUT HE'S CLEARLY LOST HIS MIND.

WE CAN'T REALLY TRUST THAT HE HAS THE WORLD'S BEST INTERESTS IN MIND... NOT AFTER WHAT HE'S DONE.

THINGS CHANGE... WE REACT THEN... AND ONLY THEN.

FOR NOW, WE KEEP THE PEACE.

NO!

NO WAY IN HELL WE JUST LET THIS GUY GET AWAY WITH WHAT HE'S DONE.

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING-- I'LL STOP HIM.

I'LL--

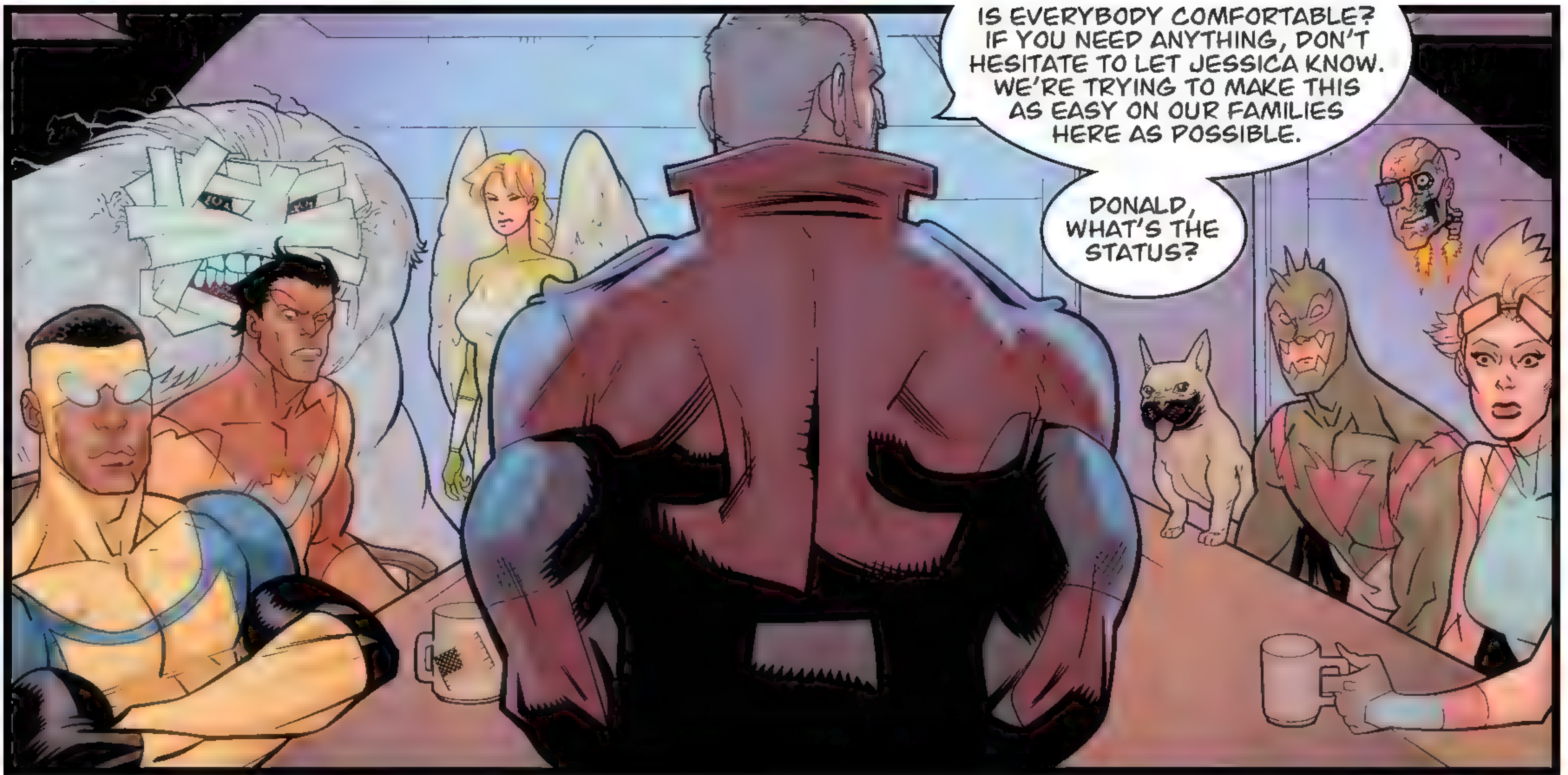
EVE?

DO IT.



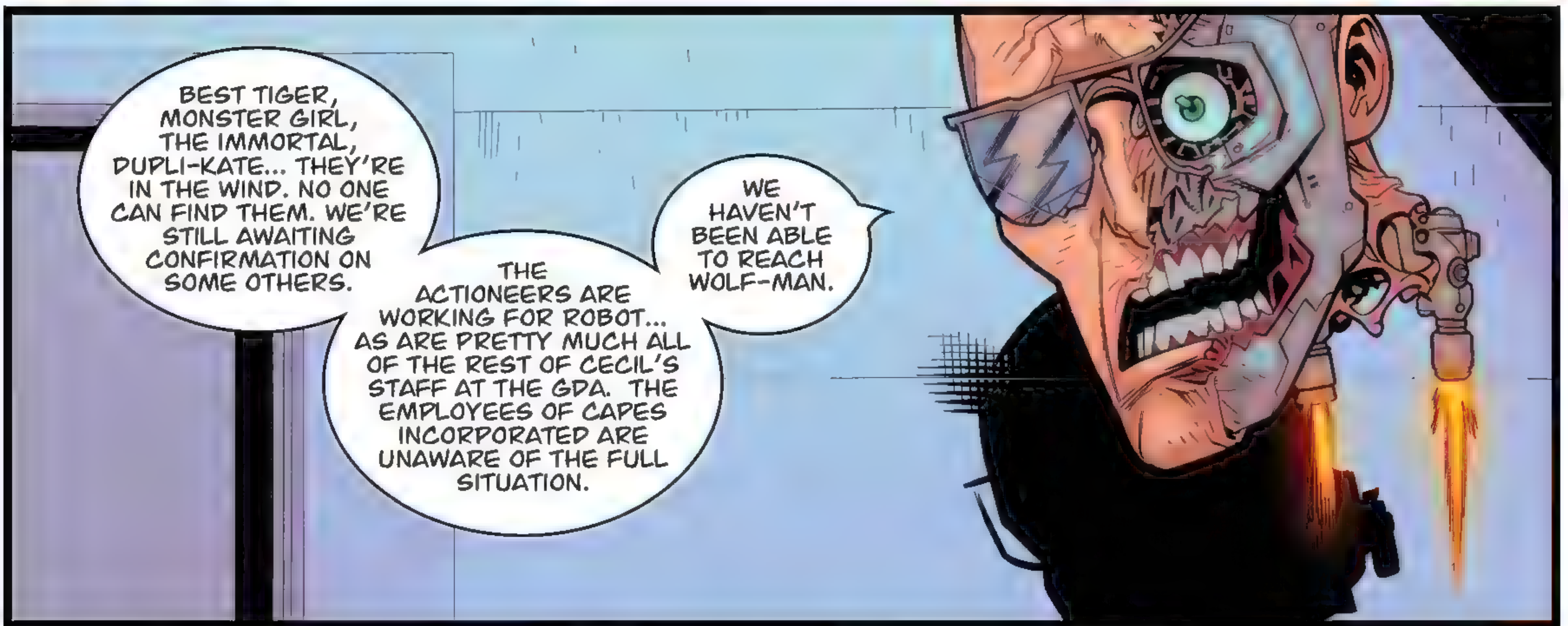






IS EVERYBODY COMFORTABLE?  
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, DON'T  
HESITATE TO LET JESSICA KNOW.  
WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THIS  
AS EASY ON OUR FAMILIES  
HERE AS POSSIBLE.

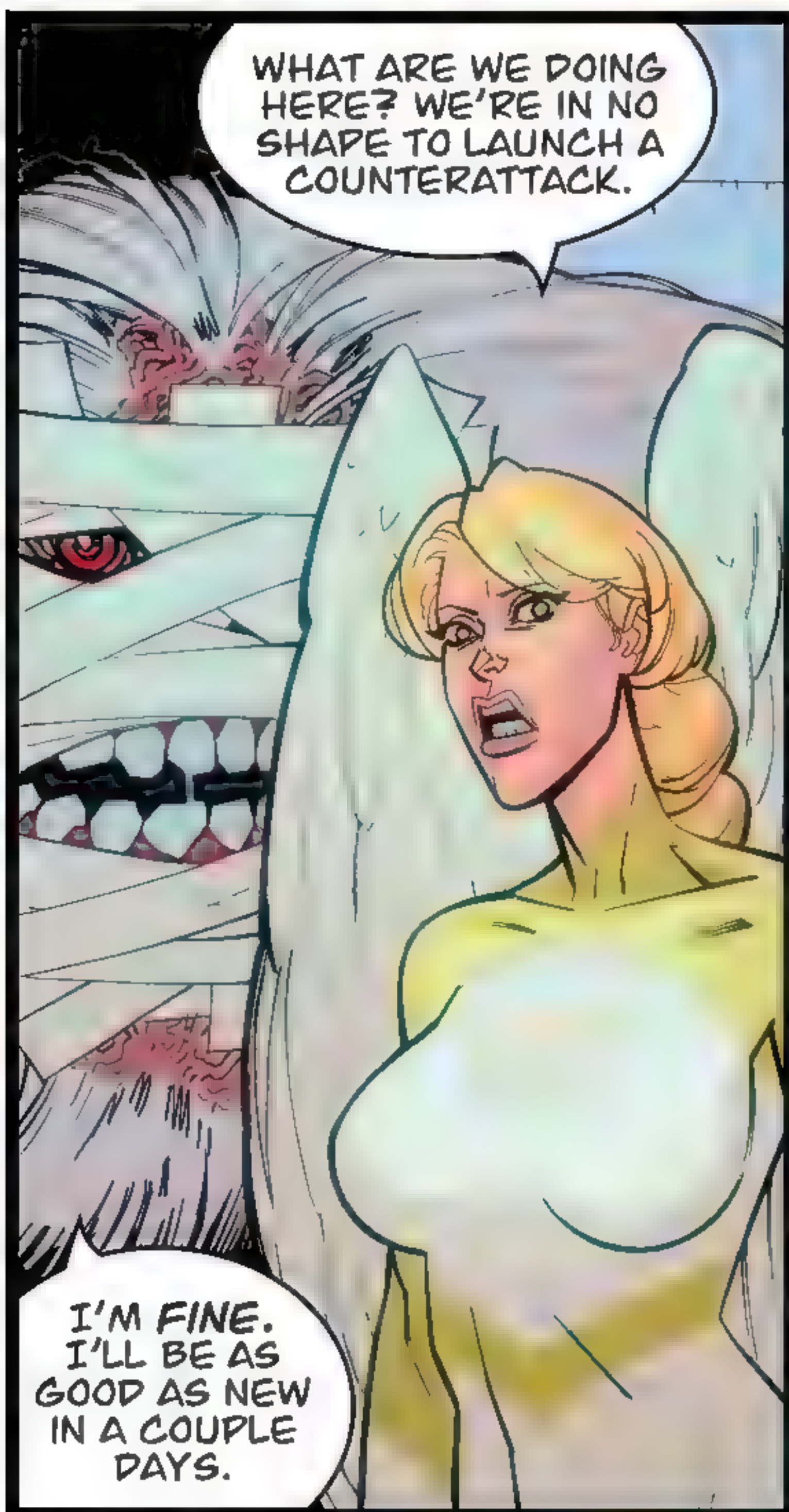
DONALD,  
WHAT'S THE  
STATUS?



BEST TIGER,  
MONSTER GIRL,  
THE IMMORTAL,  
DUPLI-KATE... THEY'RE  
IN THE WIND. NO ONE  
CAN FIND THEM. WE'RE  
STILL AWAITING  
CONFIRMATION ON  
SOME OTHERS.

THE  
ACTIONEERS ARE  
WORKING FOR ROBOT...  
AS ARE PRETTY MUCH ALL  
OF THE REST OF CECIL'S  
STAFF AT THE GDA. THE  
EMPLOYEES OF CAPES  
INCORPORATED ARE  
UNAWARE OF THE FULL  
SITUATION.

WE  
HAVEN'T  
BEEN ABLE  
TO REACH  
WOLF-MAN.



WHAT ARE WE DOING  
HERE? WE'RE IN NO  
SHAPE TO LAUNCH A  
COUNTERATTACK.

I'M FINE.  
I'LL BE AS  
GOOD AS NEW  
IN A COUPLE  
DAYS.



WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE  
A COUNTERATTACK WOULD  
BE SUCCESSFUL. WE  
BARELY KNOW  
WHAT WE'RE UP  
AGAINST.

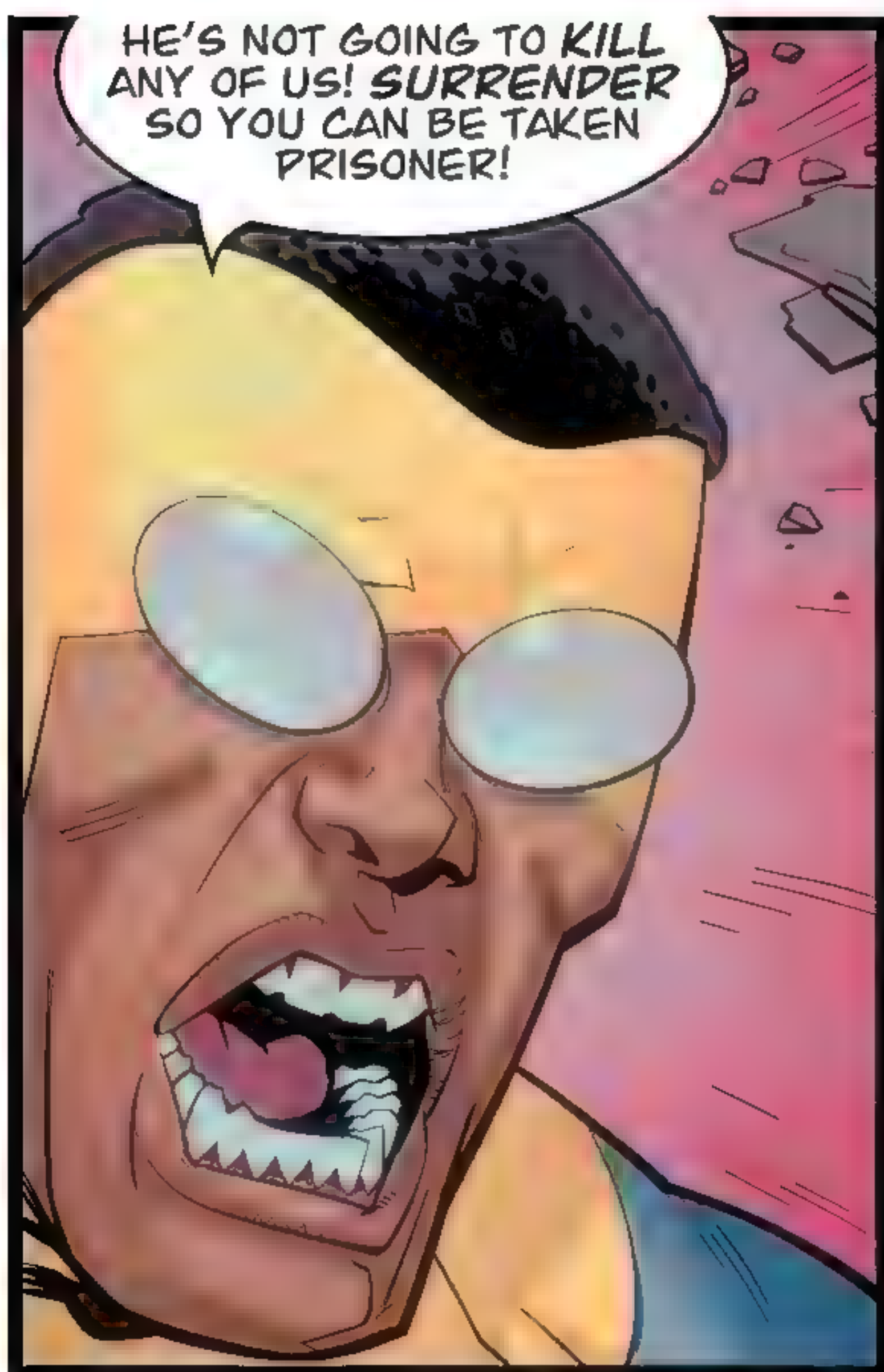
WE'RE GOING TO  
BE SMART ABOUT IT,  
BIDE OUR TIME,  
ORGANIZE, ASSESS  
AND PREPARE FOR  
THE WAR TO  
COME.



IN THE  
MEANTIME,  
WE'LL  
BE SAFE  
HERE.



CRASH!



HE'S NOT GOING TO KILL ANY OF US! SURRENDER SO YOU CAN BE TAKEN PRISONER!



SURRENDER?!

YOU DID THIS?! YOU LED HIM HERE!



IT WAS THE ONLY WAY.

YOU'LL SEE.

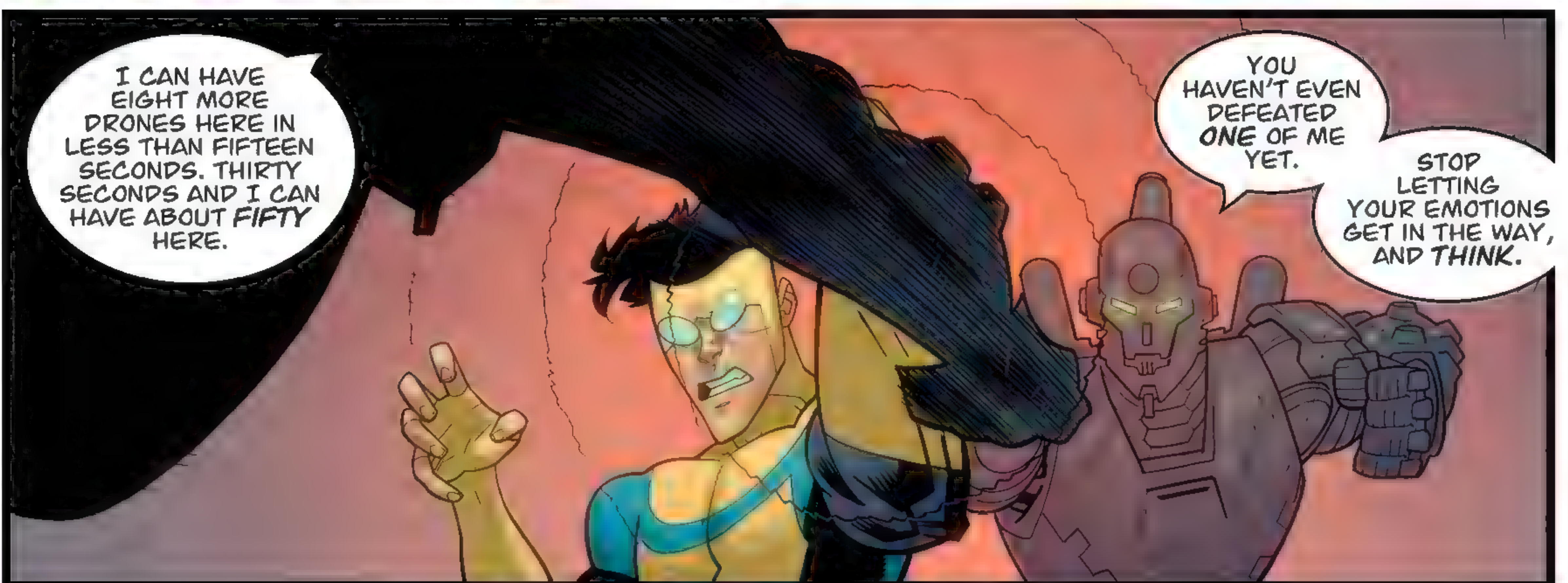
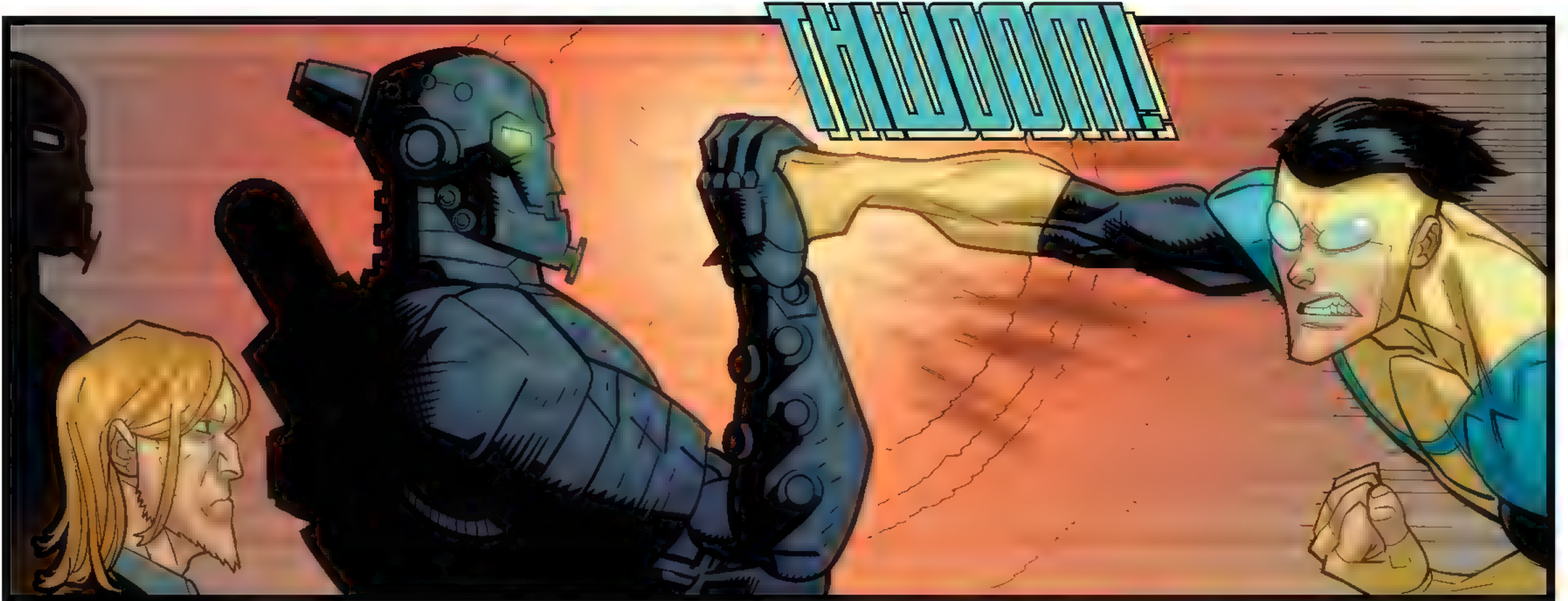
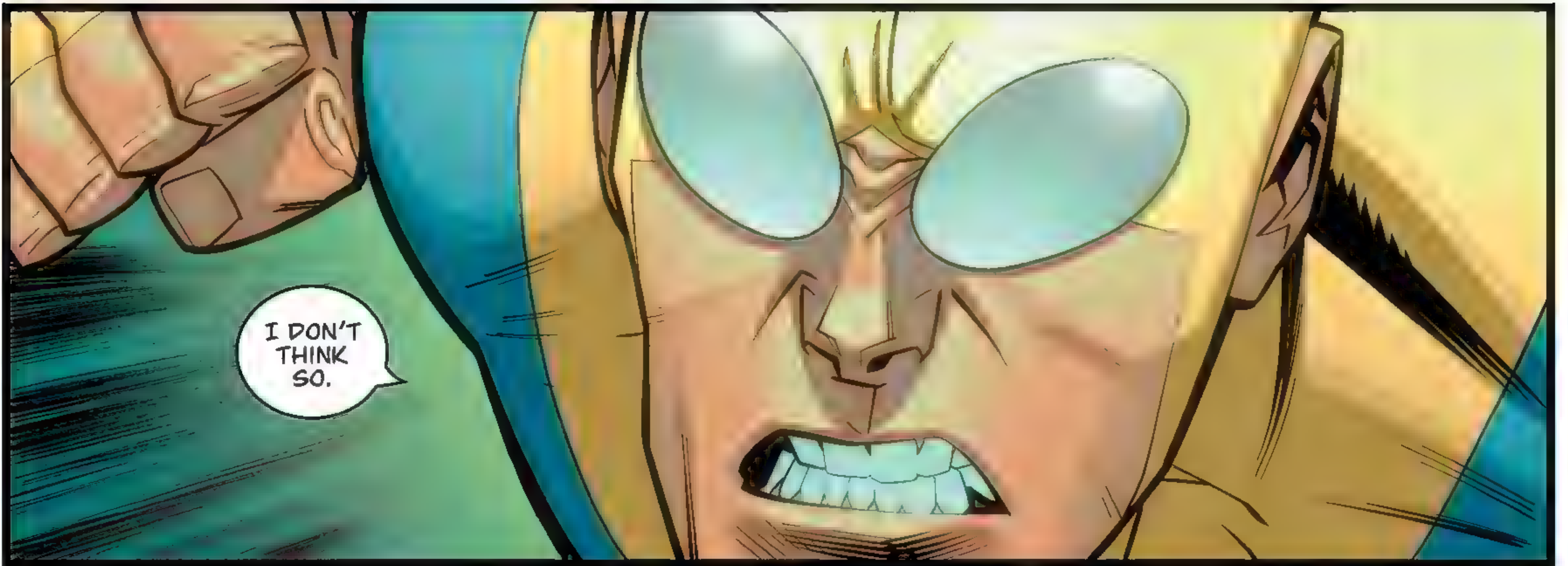




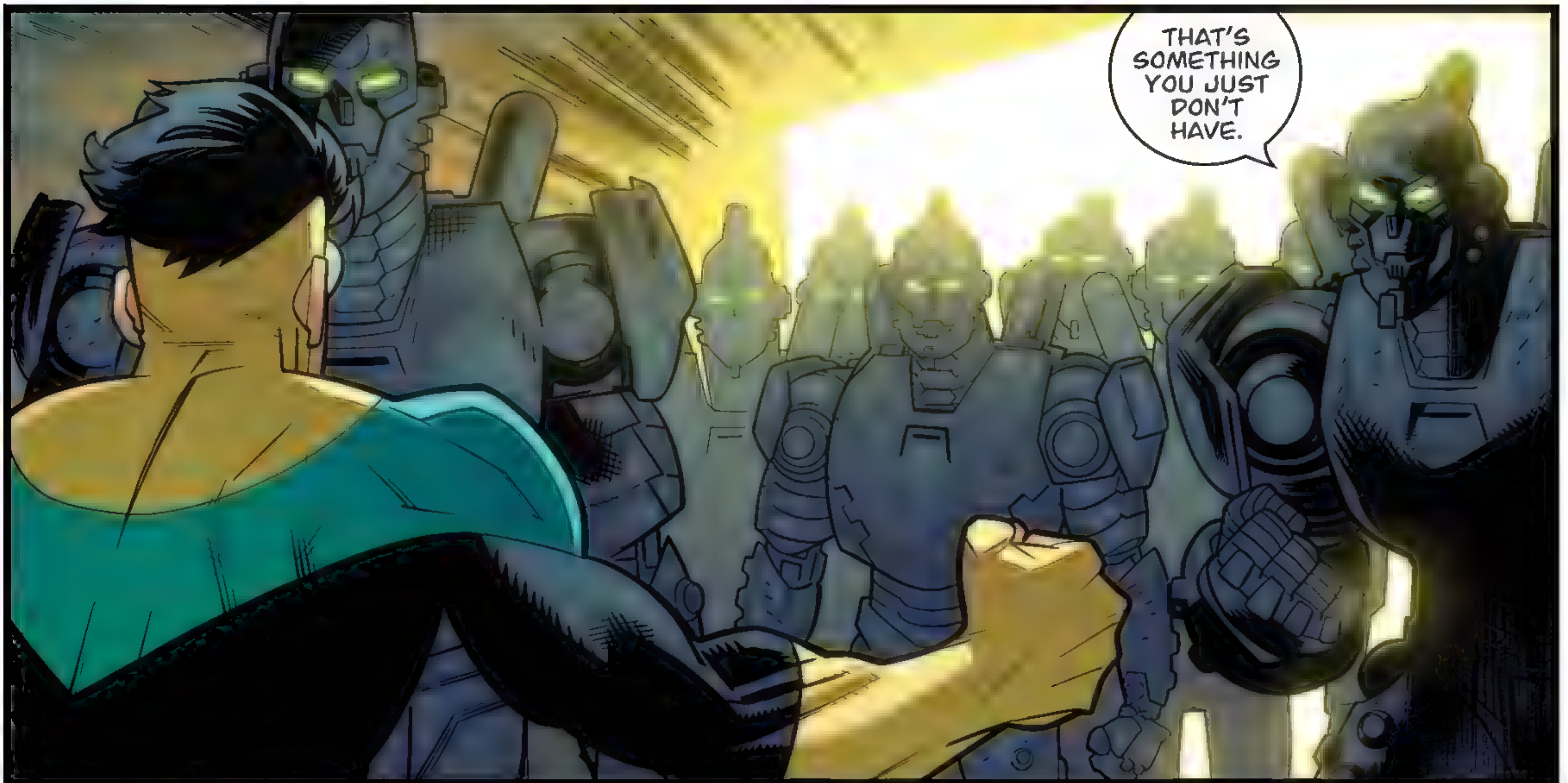
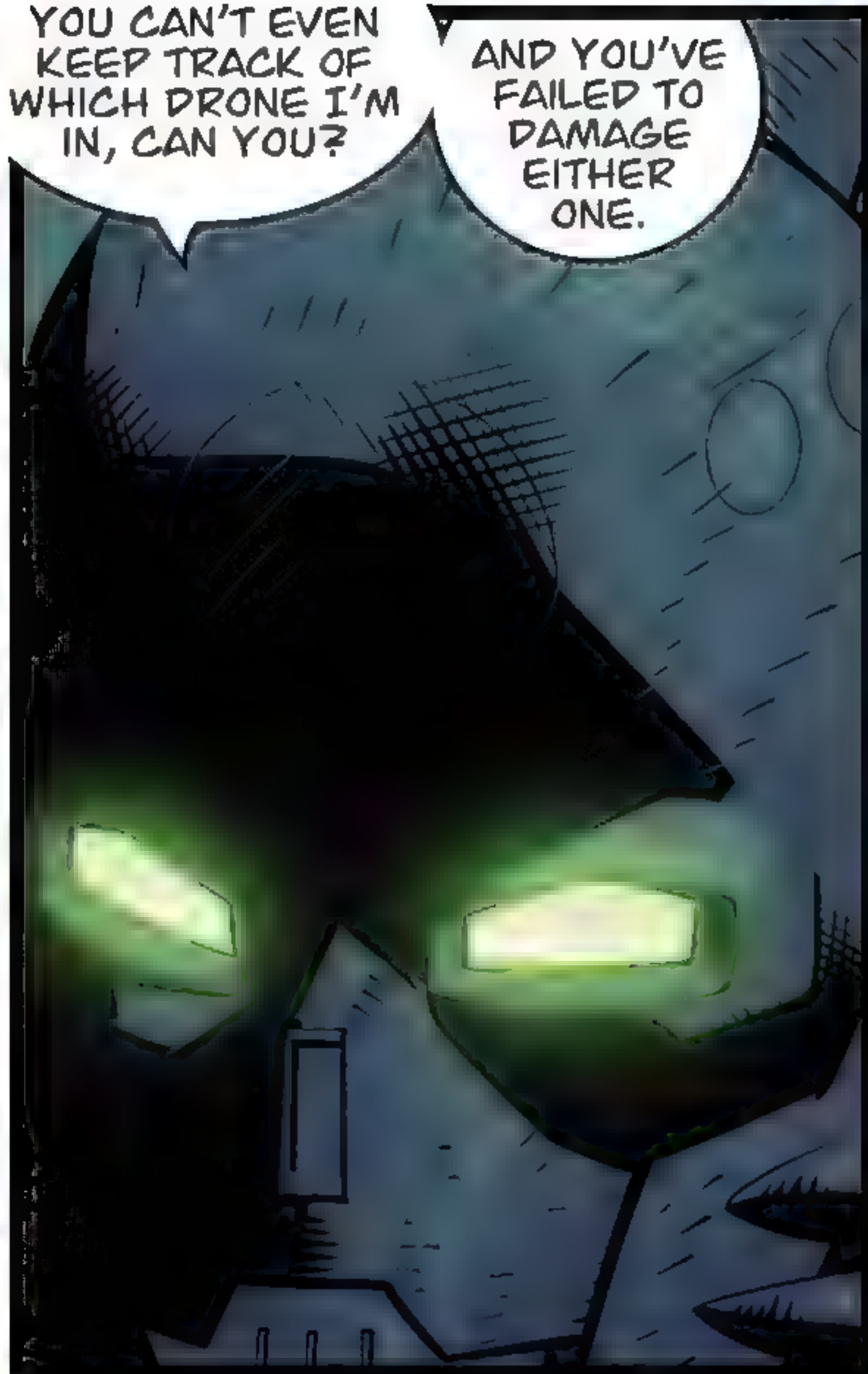










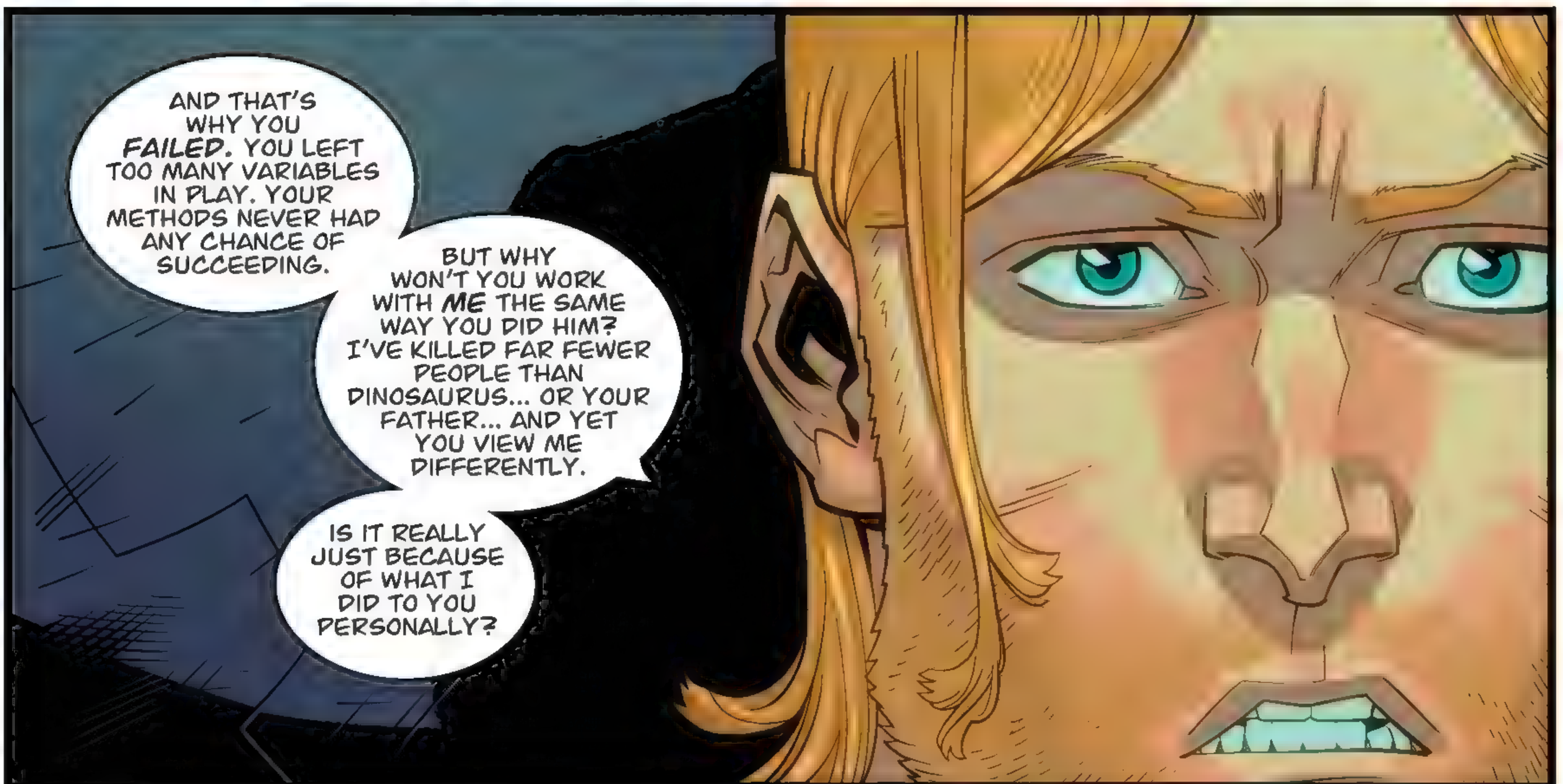






I HAVE TO BEGIN BY POINTING OUT THE **HYPOCRISY** OF YOU OPPOSING ME. HOW IS WHAT I'M DOING ANY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU AND DINOSAURUS ATTEMPTED TO DO?

WE ONLY DID THINGS TO MAKE PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER. WE DIDN'T TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.



AND THAT'S WHY YOU **FAILED**. YOU LEFT TOO MANY VARIABLES IN PLAY. YOUR METHODS NEVER HAD ANY CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.

BUT WHY WON'T YOU WORK WITH **ME** THE SAME WAY YOU DID HIM? I'VE KILLED FAR FEWER PEOPLE THAN DINOSAURUS... OR YOUR FATHER... AND YET YOU VIEW ME DIFFERENTLY.

IS IT REALLY JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID TO YOU PERSONALLY?



I STRANDED YOU IN ANOTHER DIMENSION. I RIPPED OFF YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S LEG.

WOULD AN **APOLOGY** WORK?



I DIDN'T THINK SO.



TRUTH IS, I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU... COULD HAVE KILLED EVE, TOO. BUT I DIDN'T. I'M NOT A DIFFERENT PERSON SUDDENLY. I'M NOT A MONSTER. I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE I DIDN'T HAVE TO.

I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU. I LIKE YOU. I'D SEND YOU BACK TO THAT DIMENSION IF THE MACHINE I CONSTRUCTED DIDN'T REQUIRE LINGERING ENERGY FROM ANGSTROM LEVY TO WORK.

DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT YET? SEEMS THOSE DOORWAYS DIED WITH HIM.



THIS MADNESS? MARK, I'VE ASSUMED CONTROL OF OVER ONE HUNDRED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WORLDWIDE.

IN THE SIX HOURS SINCE THAT HAPPENED, I'VE PREVENTED OVER NINE THOUSAND DEATHS. I'VE ALREADY PUT SYSTEMS INTO PLACE THAT ARE CHANGING THE WAY CRIME IS FOUGHT.

I'VE ALREADY INCARCERATED TITAN, SLAYING MANTIS, MAULER AND EMBRACE... CRIMINALS WHO'D BEEN AT LARGE FOR MONTHS.

STOPPING "THIS MADNESS" WOULD COST LIVES... NOT SAVE THEM.

SO I ASK YOU... WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING AGAINST?







I'M FIGHTING A CRAZY PERSON TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.



TAKE OVER THE... DON'T BE SO CHILDISH.

I'VE ASSUMED CONTROL... AND THAT CONTROL WILL EXPAND AS NEEDED, TRUE. BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHAT I'VE DONE.



THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, THEY'LL ONLY EVER SEE AN **IMPROVEMENT** IN THEIR LIVES. THEY'LL SEE A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE... AND THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS.

NOTHING MORE.

I WON'T PUT A FACE ON THOSE DIFFERENCES. THERE WON'T BE ANY ONE PERSON TO RECEIVE BLAME OR CREDIT.



IN A WAY, I'VE **IMPROVED** ON WHAT I DID IN THE FLAXAN DIMENSION.

I'M FIXING THINGS FROM BEHIND THE CURTAIN.



IF YOU SOMEHOW FOUGHT AND KILLED ME... YOU'D BE **EXECUTED** FOR WHAT YOU'D DONE.

I'M THE **GOOD GUY** HERE, MARK. IF THAT'S THE SIMPLIFIED WAY YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THINGS.



YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS? IT'S **NEW**.

IT'S A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS, OF FIGHTING EVIL, OF SAVING THE WORLD. AND IT'S MESSY AND IT'S IMPERFECT, BUT IT'S EFFECTIVE.

BUT MOST OF ALL... IT'S **NEW**.





DON'T  
BE SCARED  
OF THE  
NEW.

EMBRACE  
IT. WELCOME  
IT. ACCEPT  
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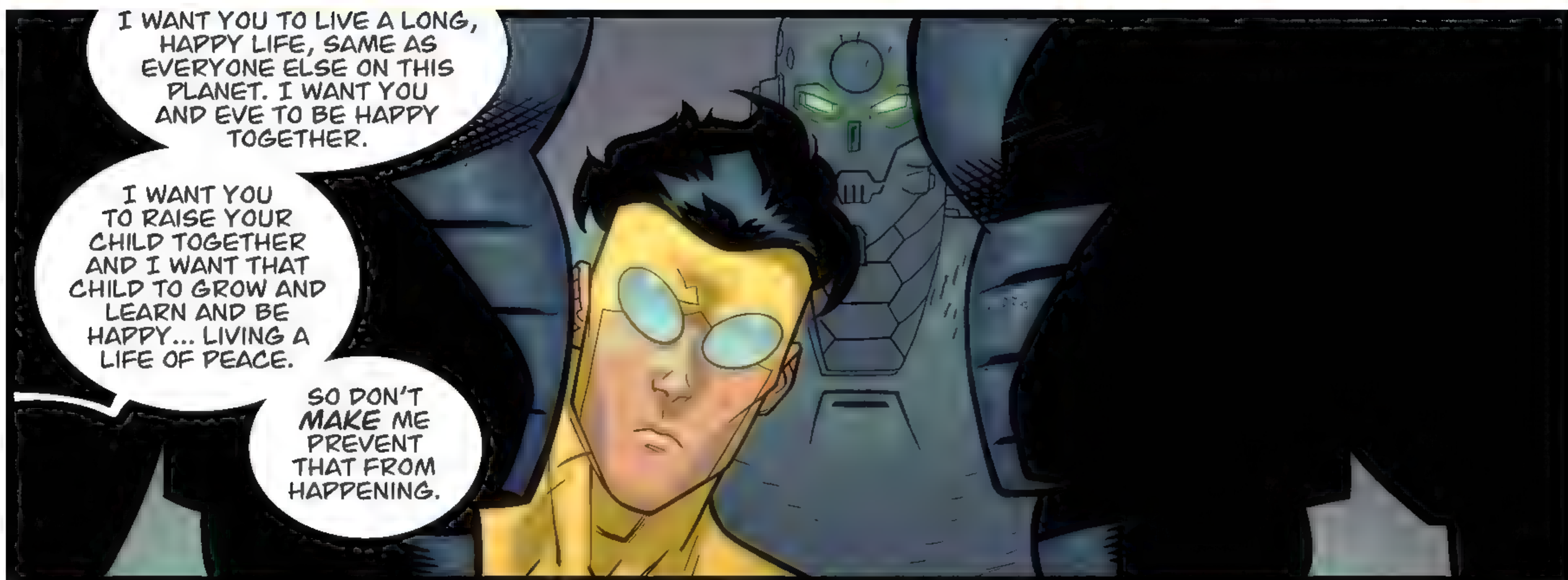
BUT  
MORE THAN  
ANYTHING  
ELSE...



DON'T  
MAKE  
ME KILL  
YOU.

PLEASE.  
I'M BEGGING  
YOU, MARK.  
DON'T MAKE  
ME.

I DON'T  
WANT TO.



I WANT YOU TO LIVE A LONG,  
HAPPY LIFE, SAME AS  
EVERYONE ELSE ON THIS  
PLANET. I WANT YOU  
AND EVE TO BE HAPPY  
TOGETHER.

I WANT YOU  
TO RAISE YOUR  
CHILD TOGETHER  
AND I WANT THAT  
CHILD TO GROW AND  
LEARN AND BE  
HAPPY... LIVING A  
LIFE OF PEACE.

SO DON'T  
MAKE ME  
PREVENT  
THAT FROM  
HAPPENING.



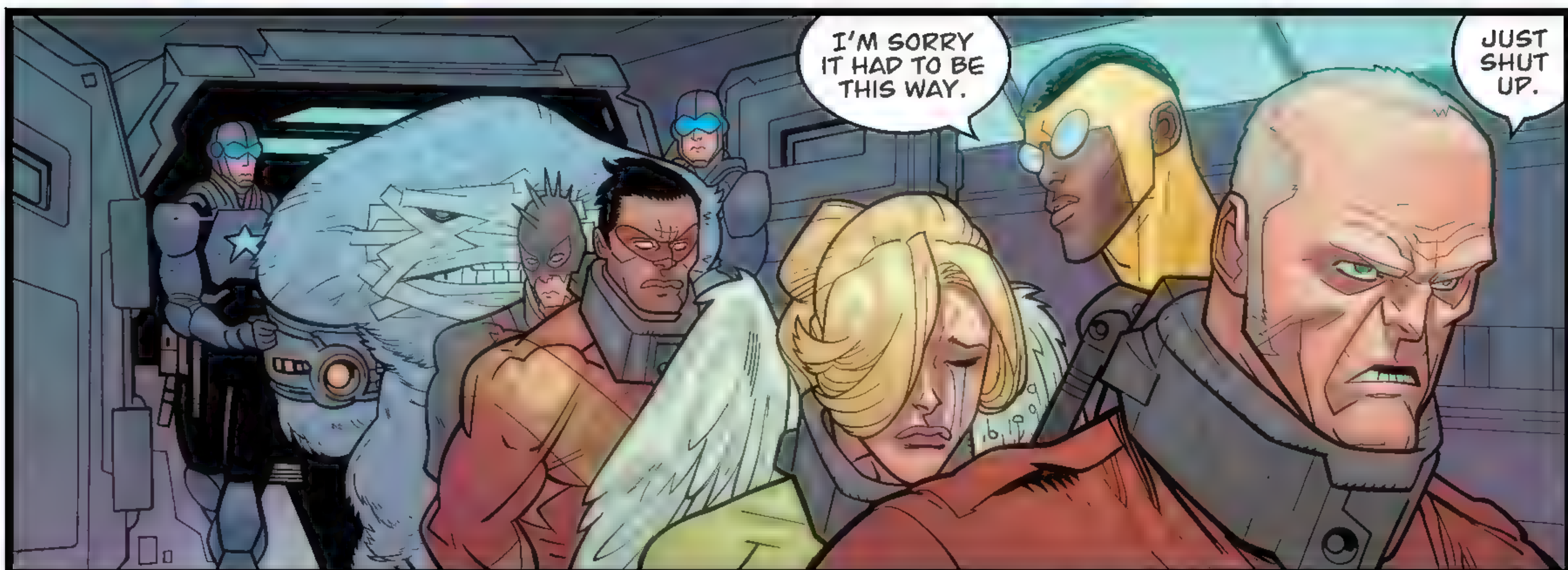
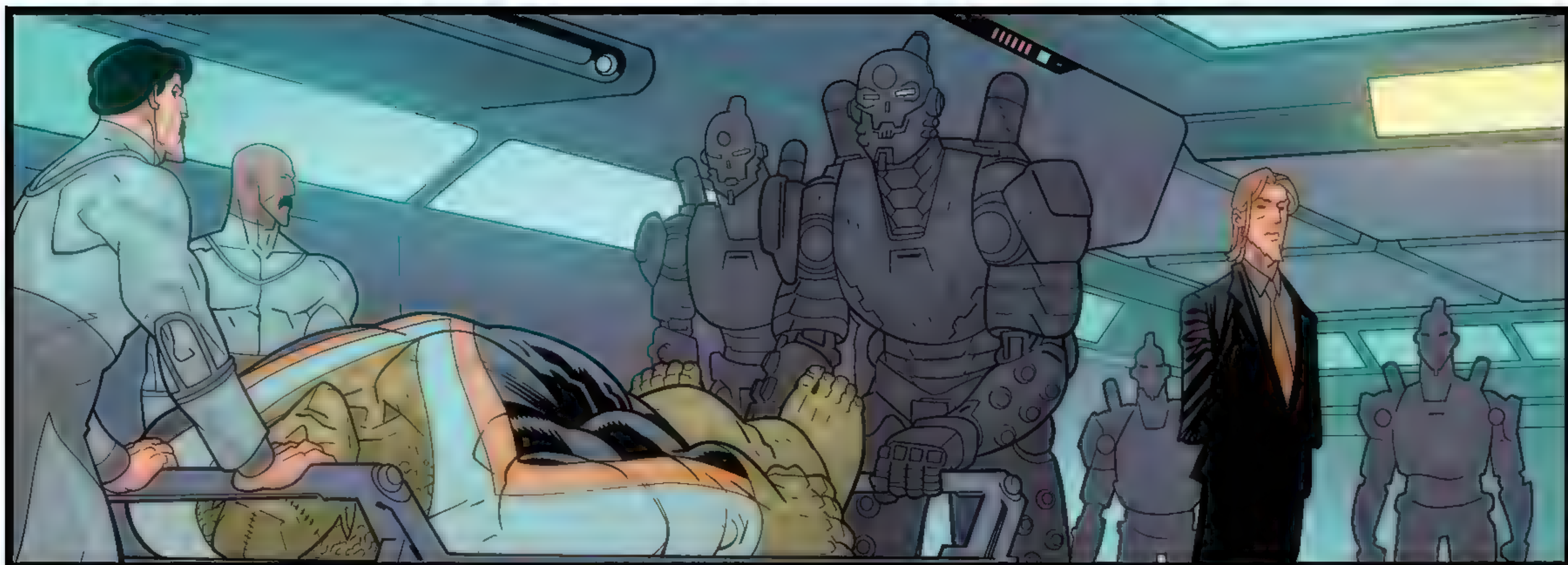
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DO NEXT  
DECIDES  
WHAT YOUR  
FUTURE IS.

SO...



...WHAT'S  
IT GOING  
TO BE?

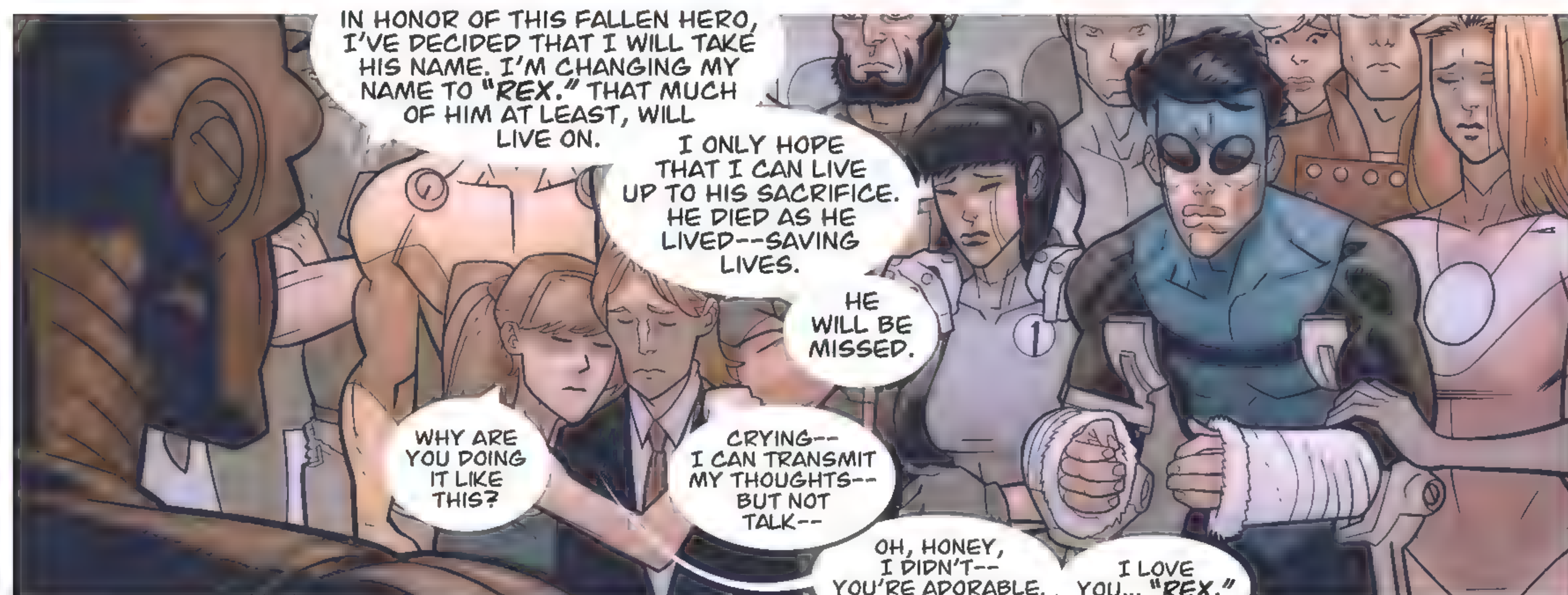
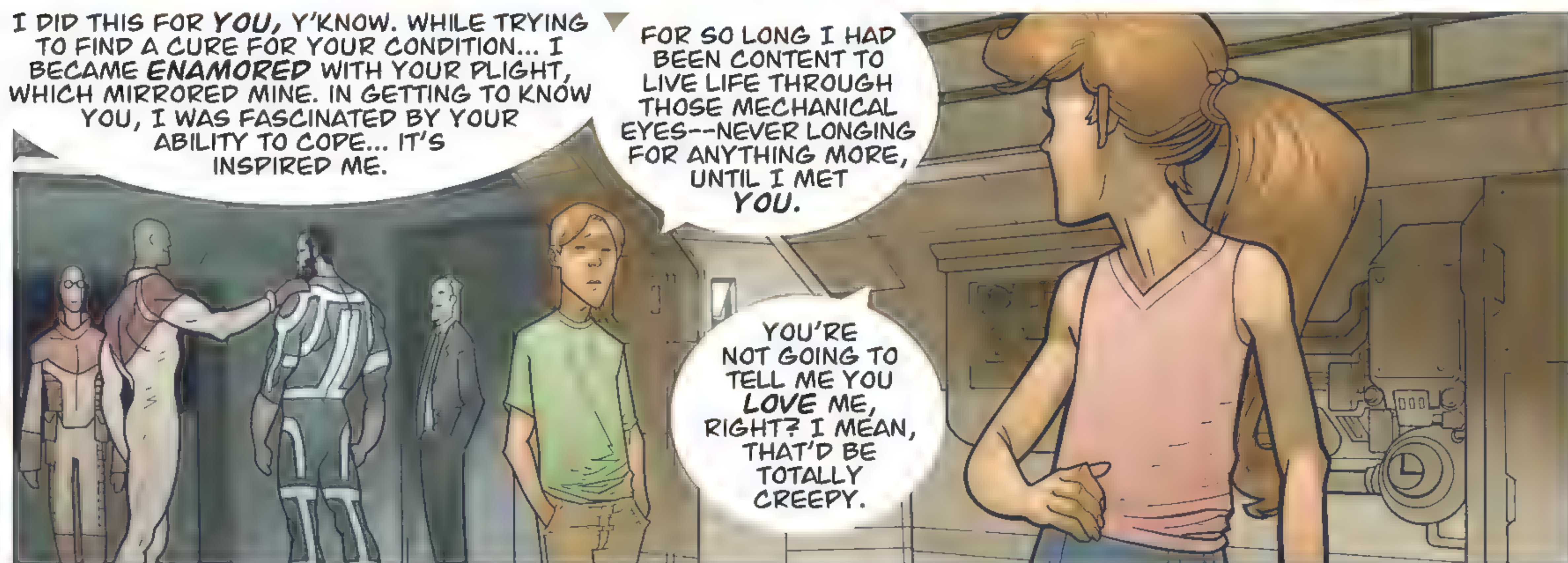
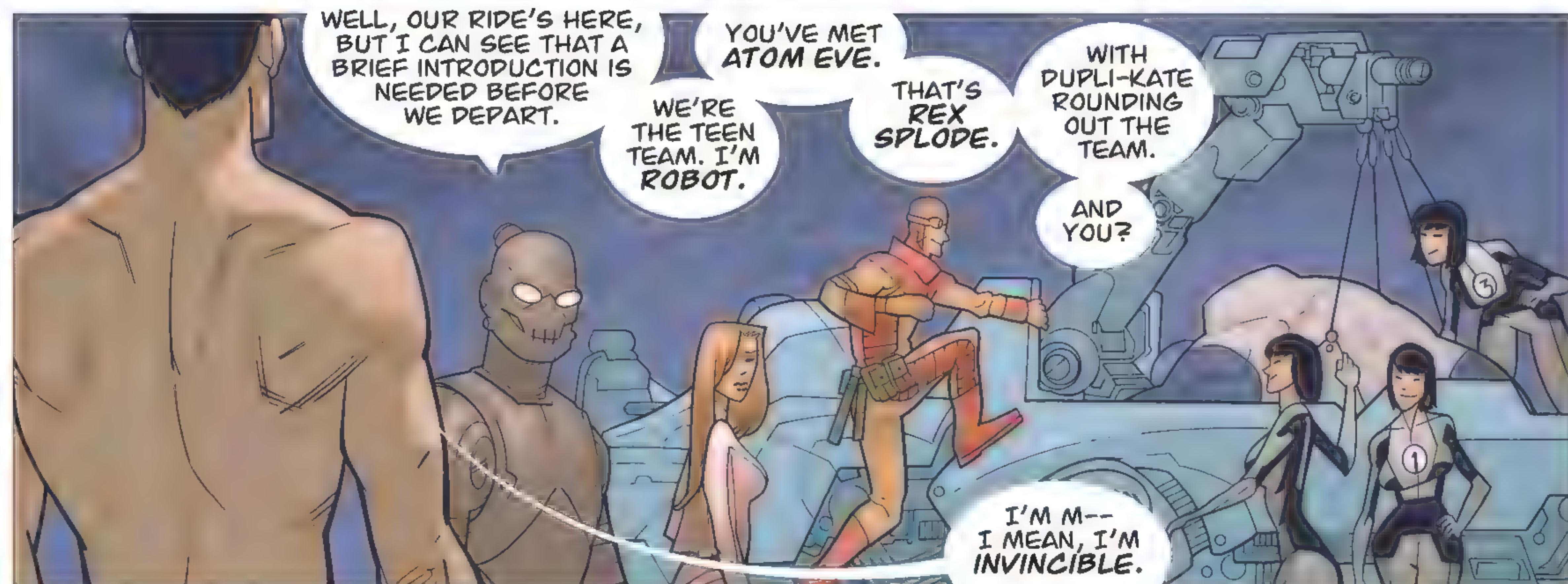




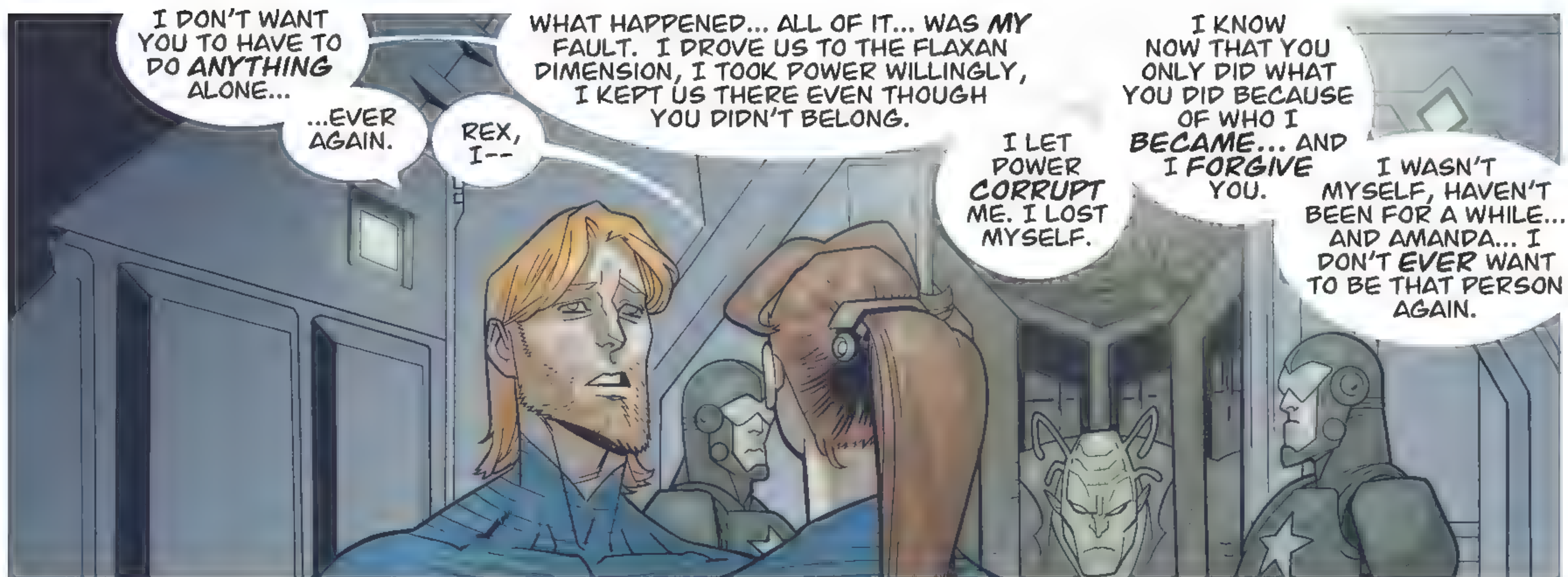


















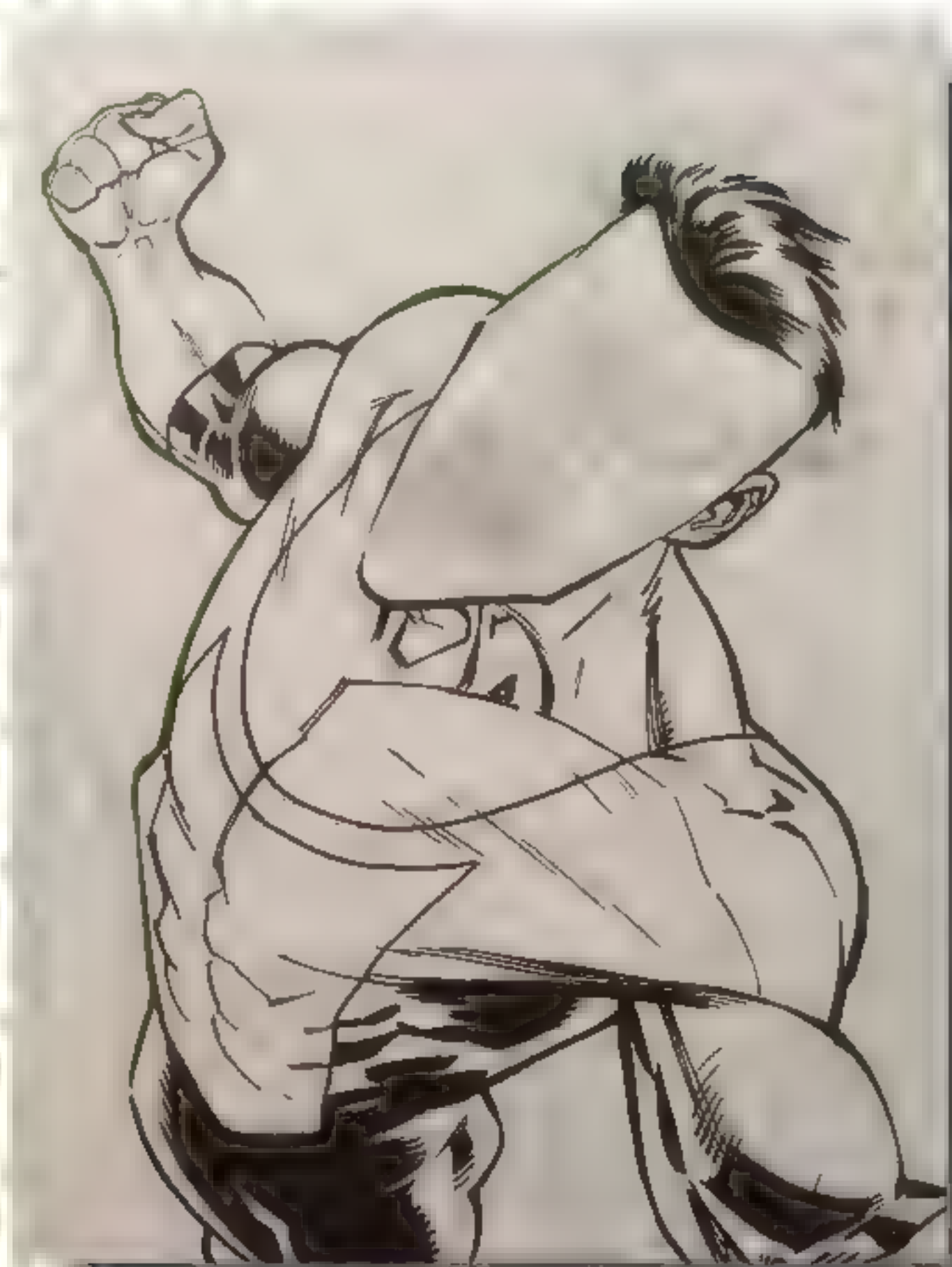
# SKETCHBOOK

**RYAN OTTLEY:** *Whoa, wait a minute. 20 trade paperbacks? Are you serious? Robert, why are we so awesome?*

**ROBERT KIRKMAN:** I believe it has something to do with the amount of Wheaties we collectively eat. But I could be wrong about that. We are pretty damn awesome, though. I can't wait until we get to volume 50. That'll be RIDICULOUS! VOLUME 50!

**RYAN:** *If you follow me on social media you've probably seen some of these shots of this TPB cover. While drawing this I posted progress shots so people can see a little of my process. Digital layouts, pencils, then inks!*

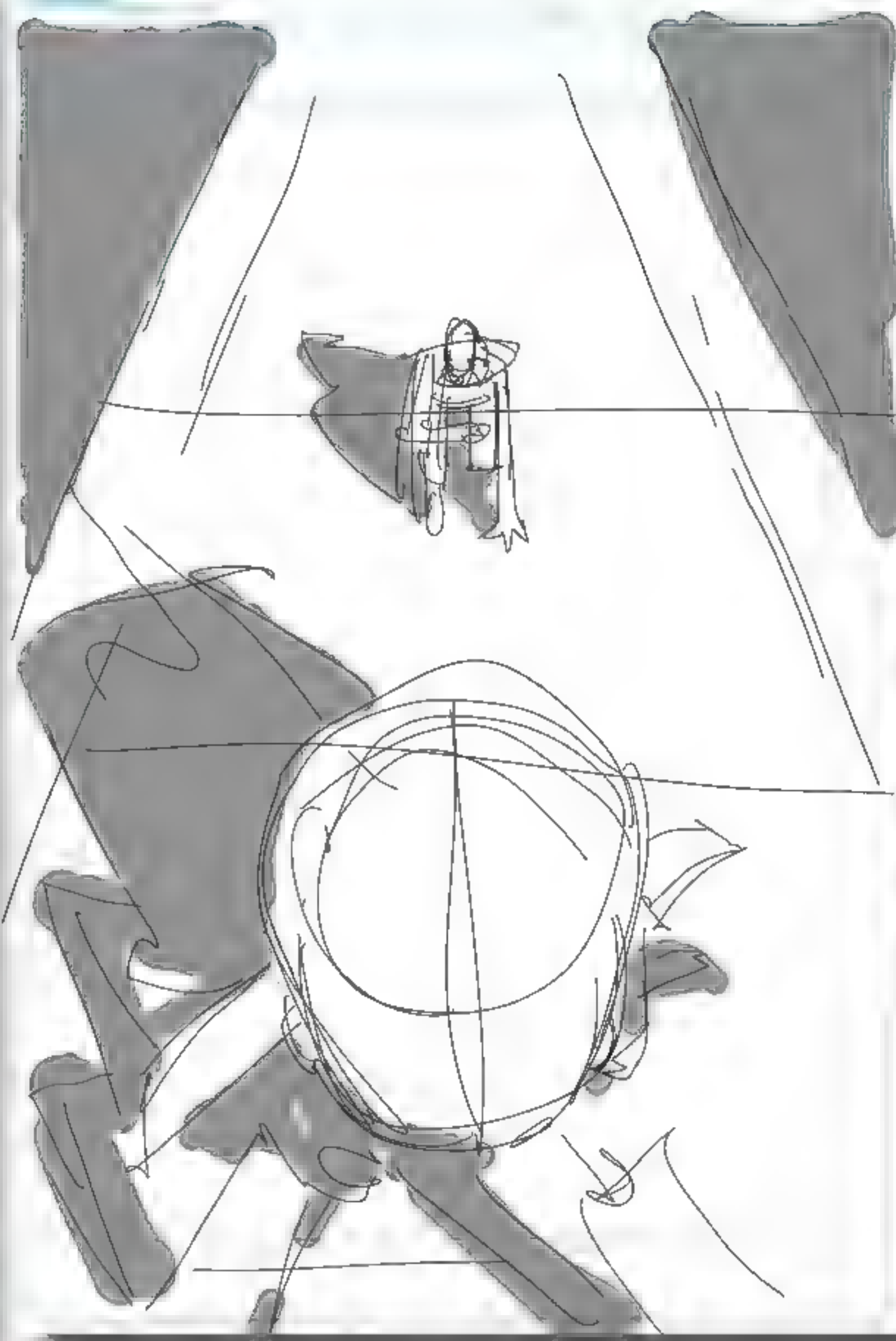
**ROBERT:** Oh, yeah... definitely follow Ryan on social media. You can see how bitter he is about all kinds of different topics, and every now and then he posts art. Don't follow me on Twitter or anything... all I do is plug various projects and post pictures of Andrew Lincoln's feet... it's all pretty dull.





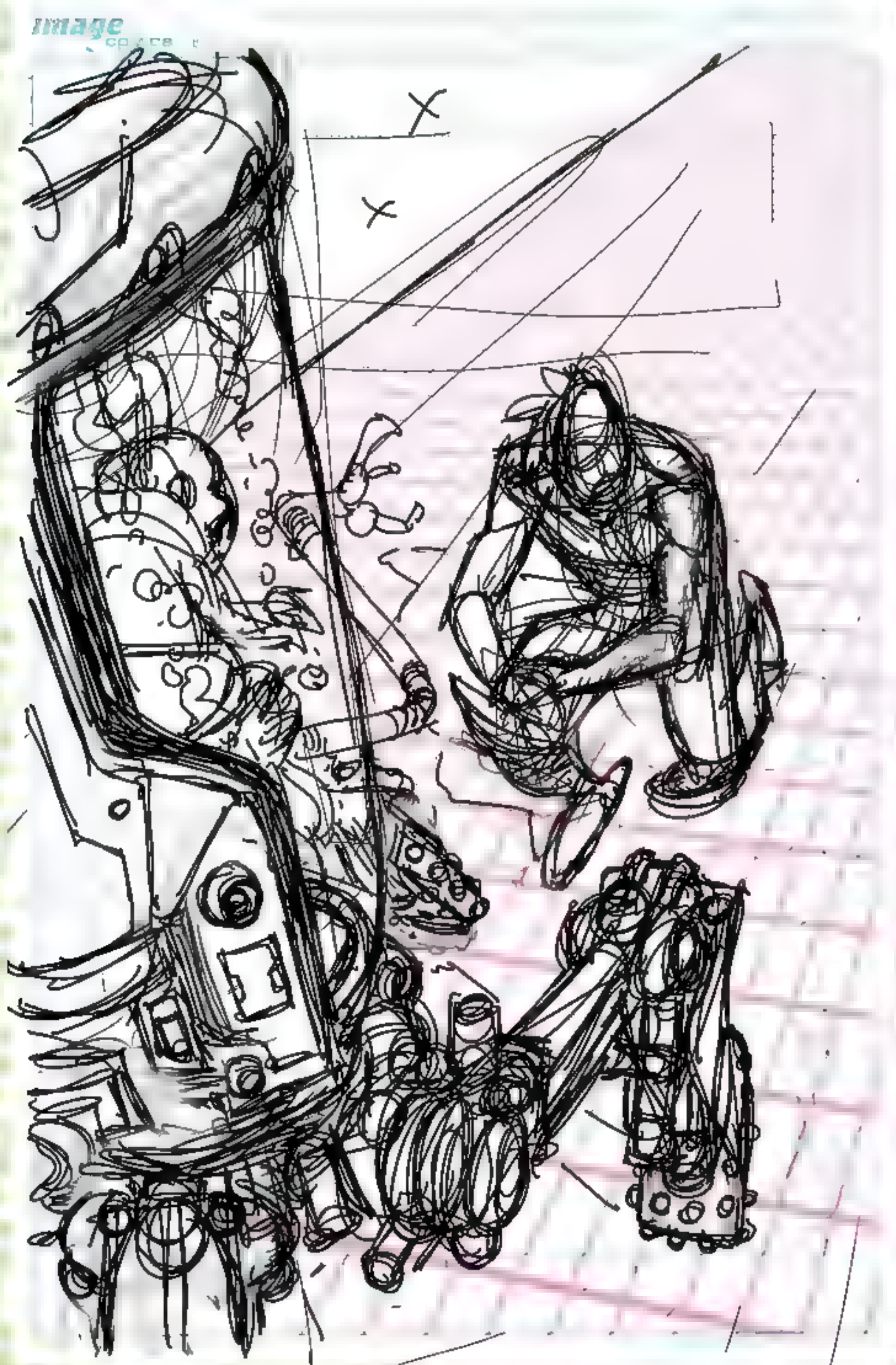






**RYAN:** This cover to 109 took a few tries to get right. Loved drawing this gnarly baby again. SO cute.

**ROBERT:** Gotta love the original Robot. I think the coolest aspect of this series is that... nearly 100 issues later, we can bring things like this back. Troll Robot might not have ever been seen again... and then BAM, he shows up. That's a lot of fun for us, and hopefully, the readers as well.



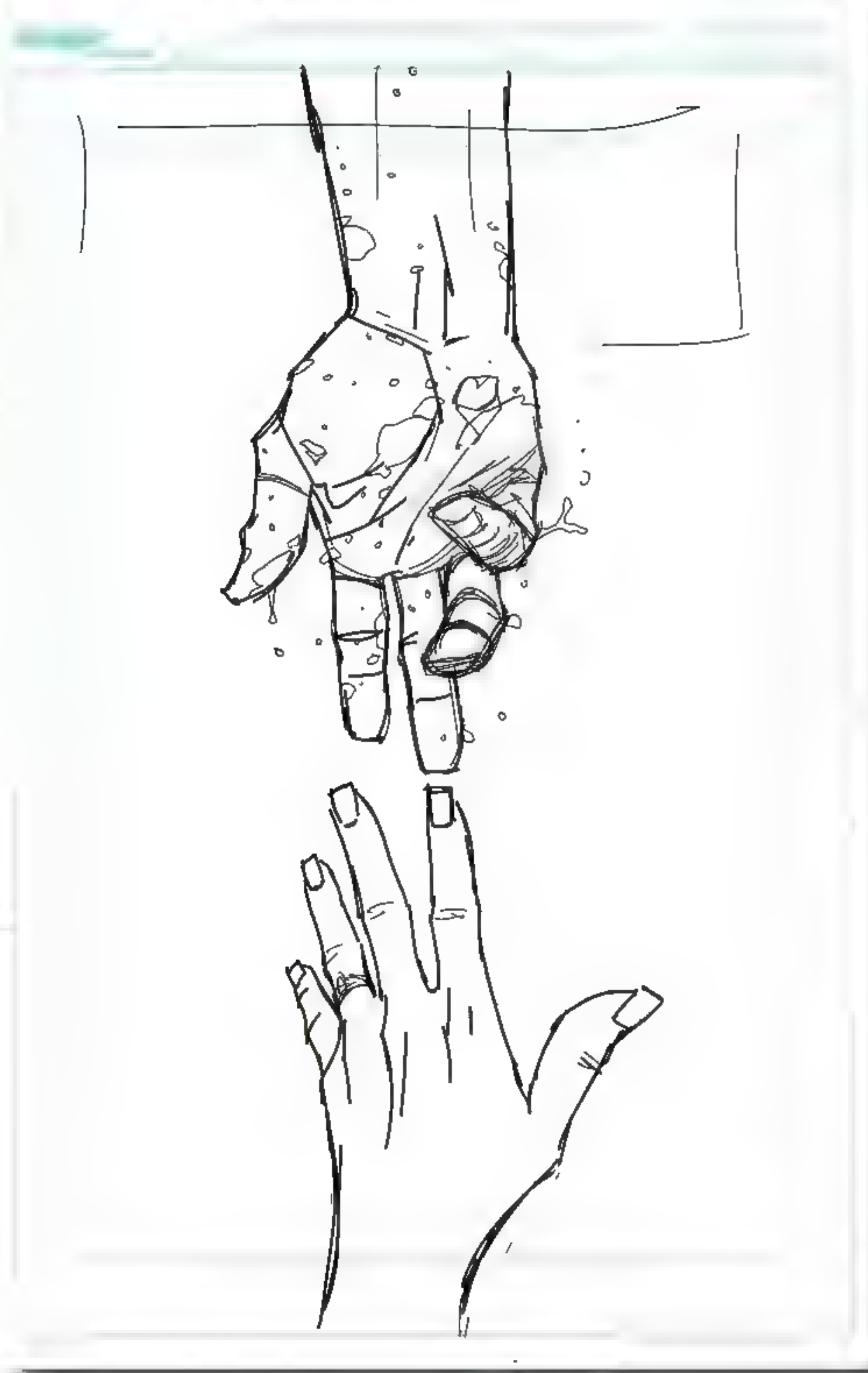




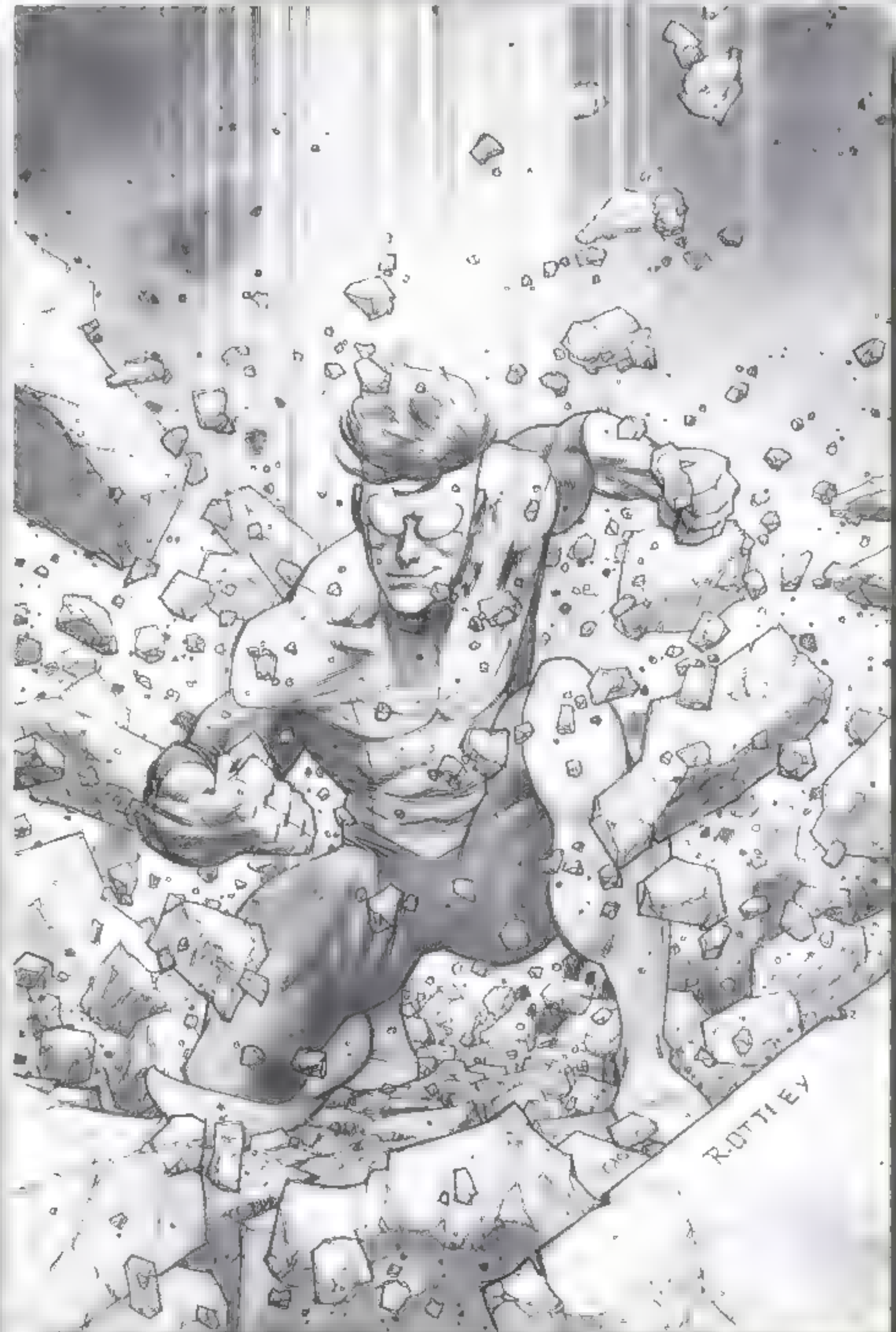
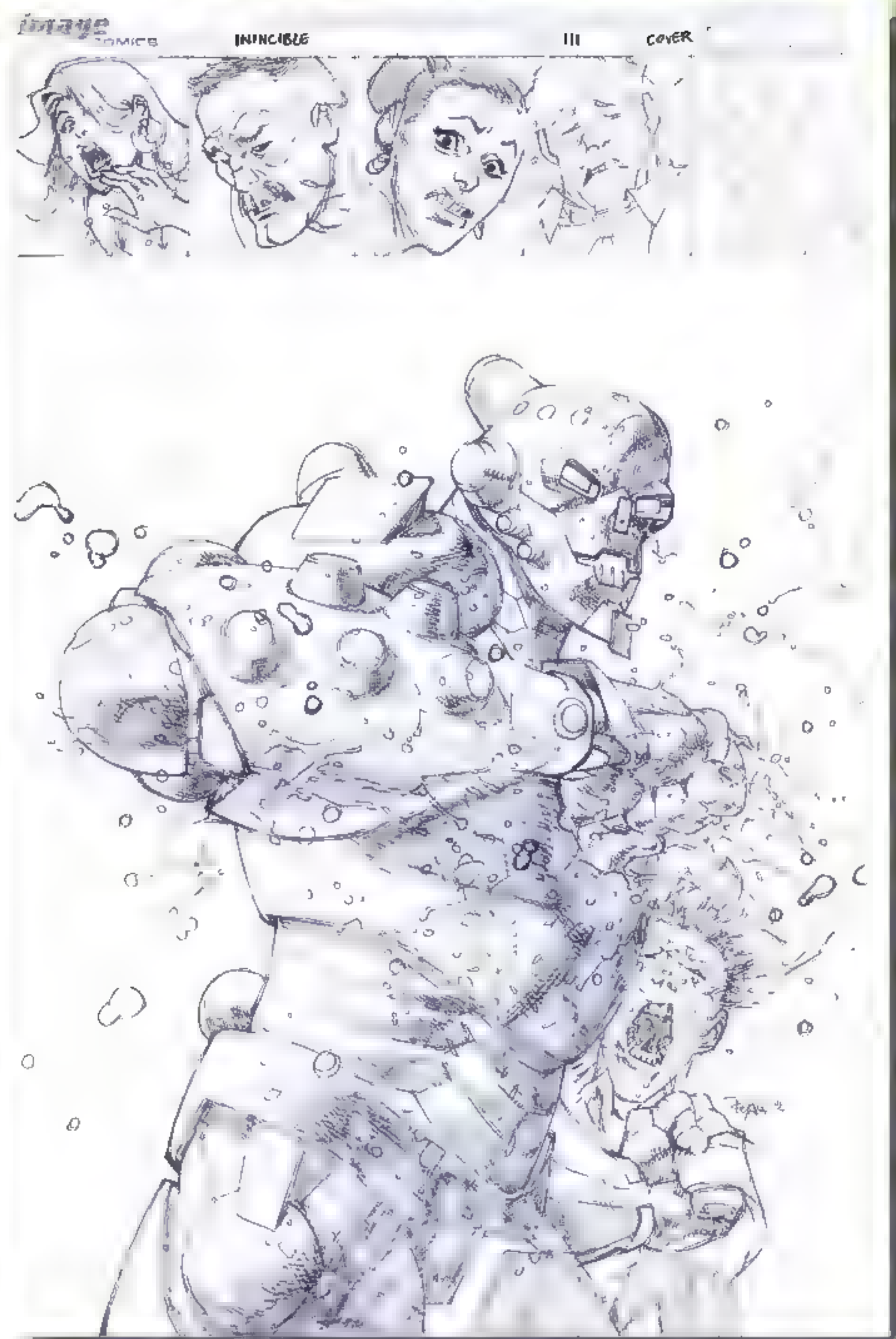


**RYAN:** *It's always a joy when Robert asks me to draw a simple quick cover like this one. Two hands, that's it! I draw TONS of stuff, and I love drawing giant crazy scenes, but to bust out a cover in a couple hours can be pretty refreshing at times and a most needed break. Like when Robert asks for a double-page spread of a dude's head. That's when I feel our relationship flourishes. Then he asks for a ten-panel page with 50 figures fighting in each one and that's when other writers start to look more attractive. (Just playin', Robert, you know I only have eyes for your writing!)*

**ROBERT:** You should have quit while you were ahead. I might have never written another 10 panel page with 50 figures in each panel. You blew it, man. Wait until you see the script for issue 125.







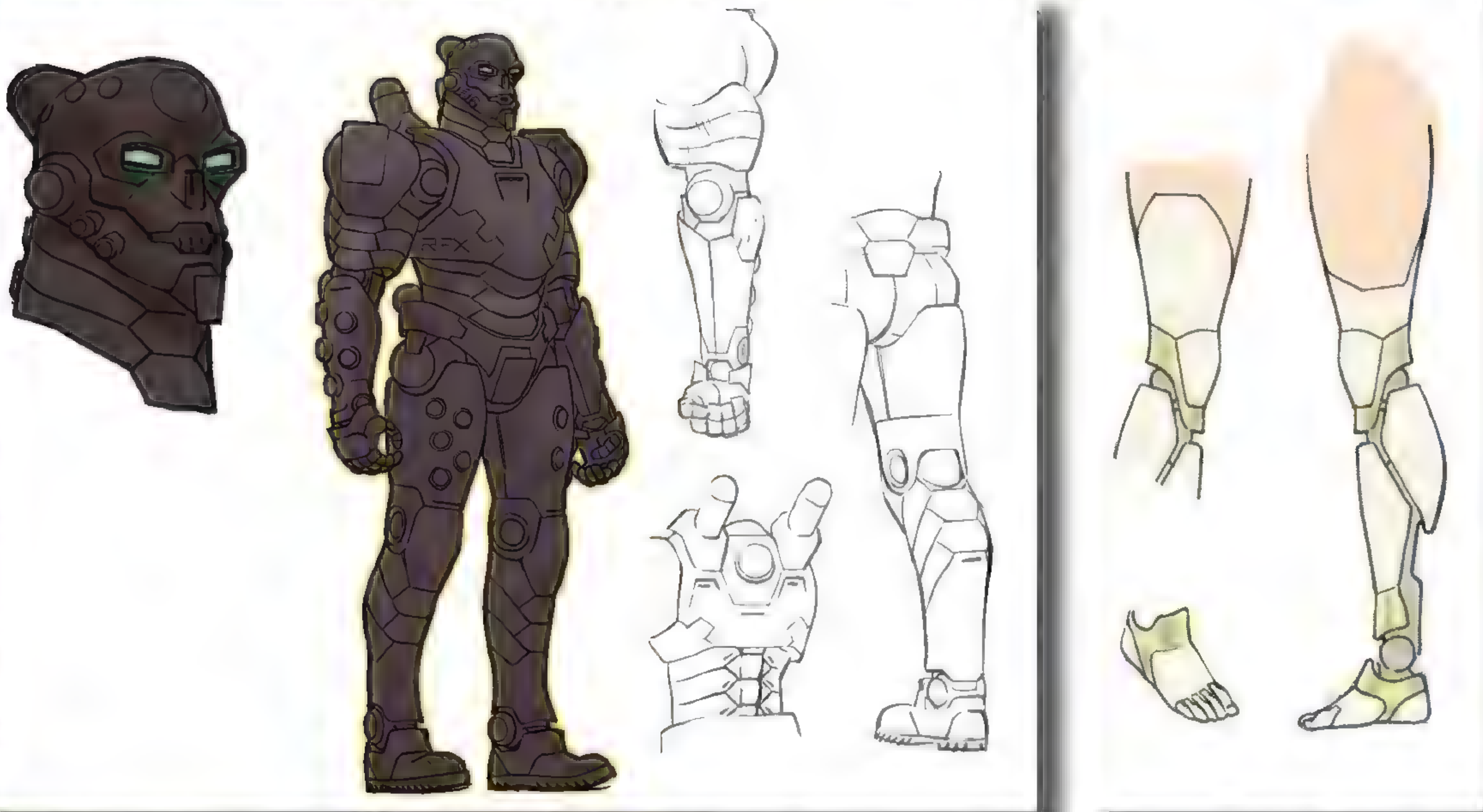
**RYAN:** So issue 111, that's my 100th issue of *INVINCIBLE*. I never thought I'd stay on a book for this long. But I couldn't help it. I love *INVINCIBLE*!

**ROBERT:** What do I have to do to get rid of you? Oh, well... I guess I'll write more 10 panel pages with 50 figures in each panel.

**RYAN:** The pencil variant to 111 was done because Sean and Robert asked me to do a variant to celebrate me doing 100 issues. Which is a funny way to celebrate. "Hey, no breaks, draw MORE to celebrate you drawing 100 issues!" But seriously, I didn't mind. It's pretty nice when they ask me to draw whatever I want. I figured I'd make the cover all pencil only. I thought that'd be neat and something we haven't done for the series before. So, to you fans, thanks for reading the book! I'm pretty lucky I can make a living out of drawing pictures, and at the same time it's pictures I WANT to draw and have tons of freedom doing it. And Robert, thanks for writing awesome things for me to draw. Keep doing that!

**ROBERT:** Stop being so positive. It sounds like I didn't like what you wrote and rewrote it all to sound more positive. No one is that happy, Ryan. No one. That said... I'm glad you've enjoyed your 100 issues as much as I have. You're the best! And really handsome, too.





**RYAN:** *There's not much else in the world that's more fun to draw than cyborgs being beat to pieces! Go evil Robot!*

**ROBERT:** Gotta take a minute to give Cory some props. His design for this new version of Robot is totally great.

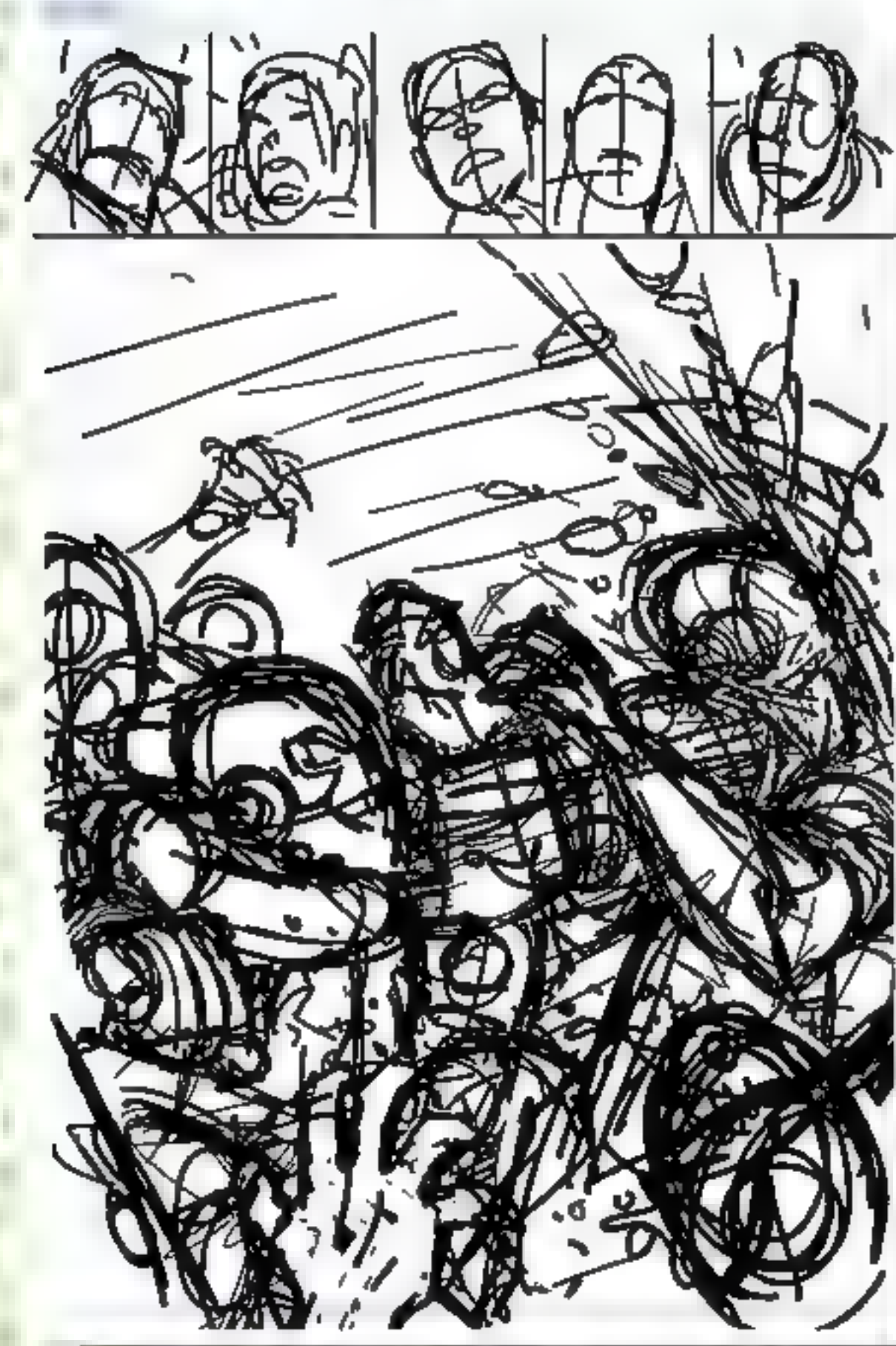




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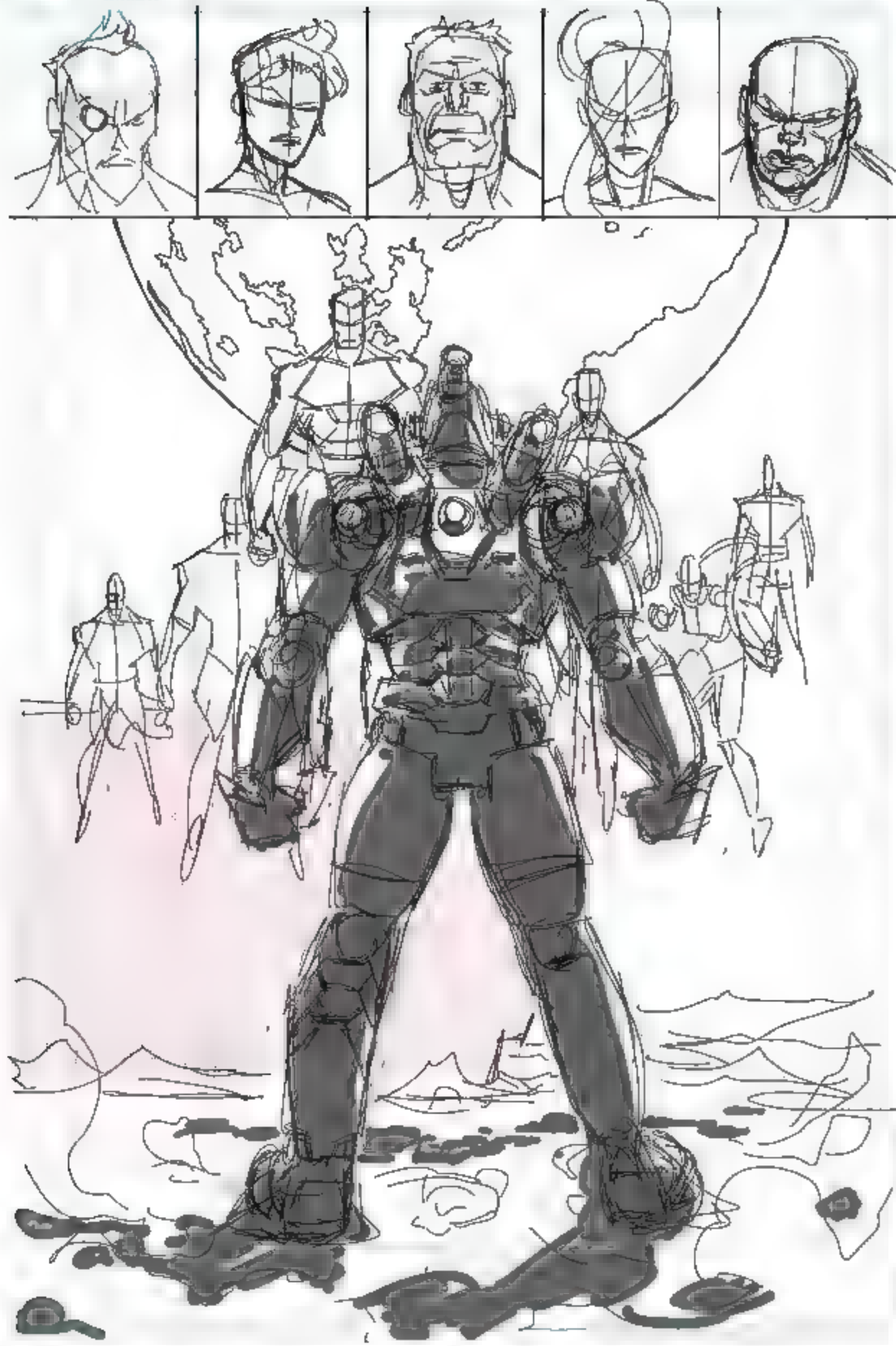


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COVER



**RYAN:** I don't know if I've ever talked about my pink grids. I know we have some artist fans who might be interested, so here we go. I used to draw the grids on the paper, which obviously takes quite a lot of time. But now with digital layouts I can quickly lay down a grid and pull it to form almost any perspective I like. You can see for this 113 cover that I didn't do much penciling for that Viltrumite ship. The grid is the most important part so all those tiny windows line up perfectly. I did all the line work in the inks on the physical paper. Try it at home, kids!

**ROBERT:** That's amazing!



**RYAN:** Another cover that was refreshing and not so time-consuming. Drew this on the smaller 9x14 Bristol board. Broken stuff is always fun to draw.

**ROBERT:** Smashed Robot head... can't go wrong there... and so misleading for what actually happens in the issue. So it's the BEST kind of cover.





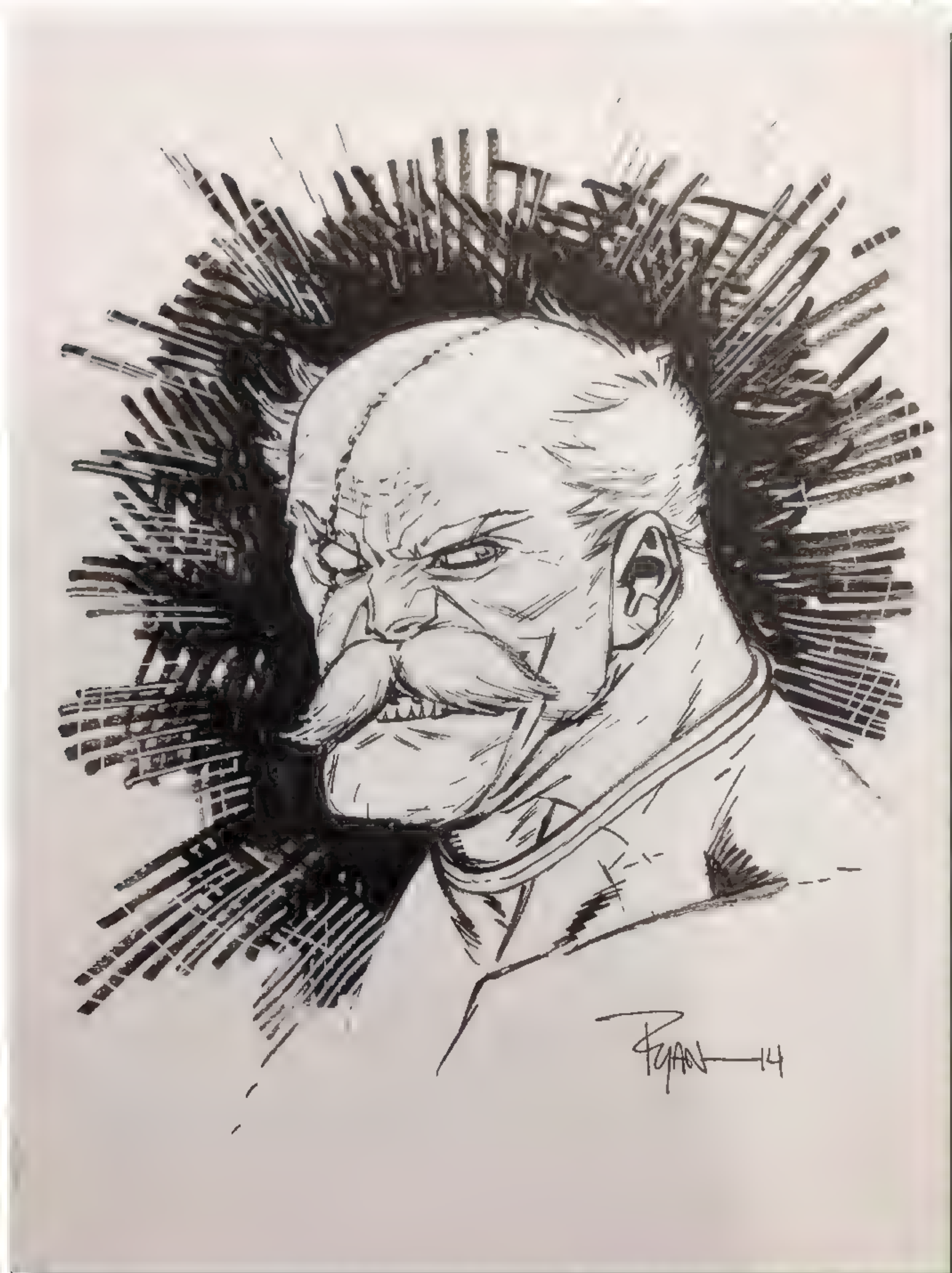
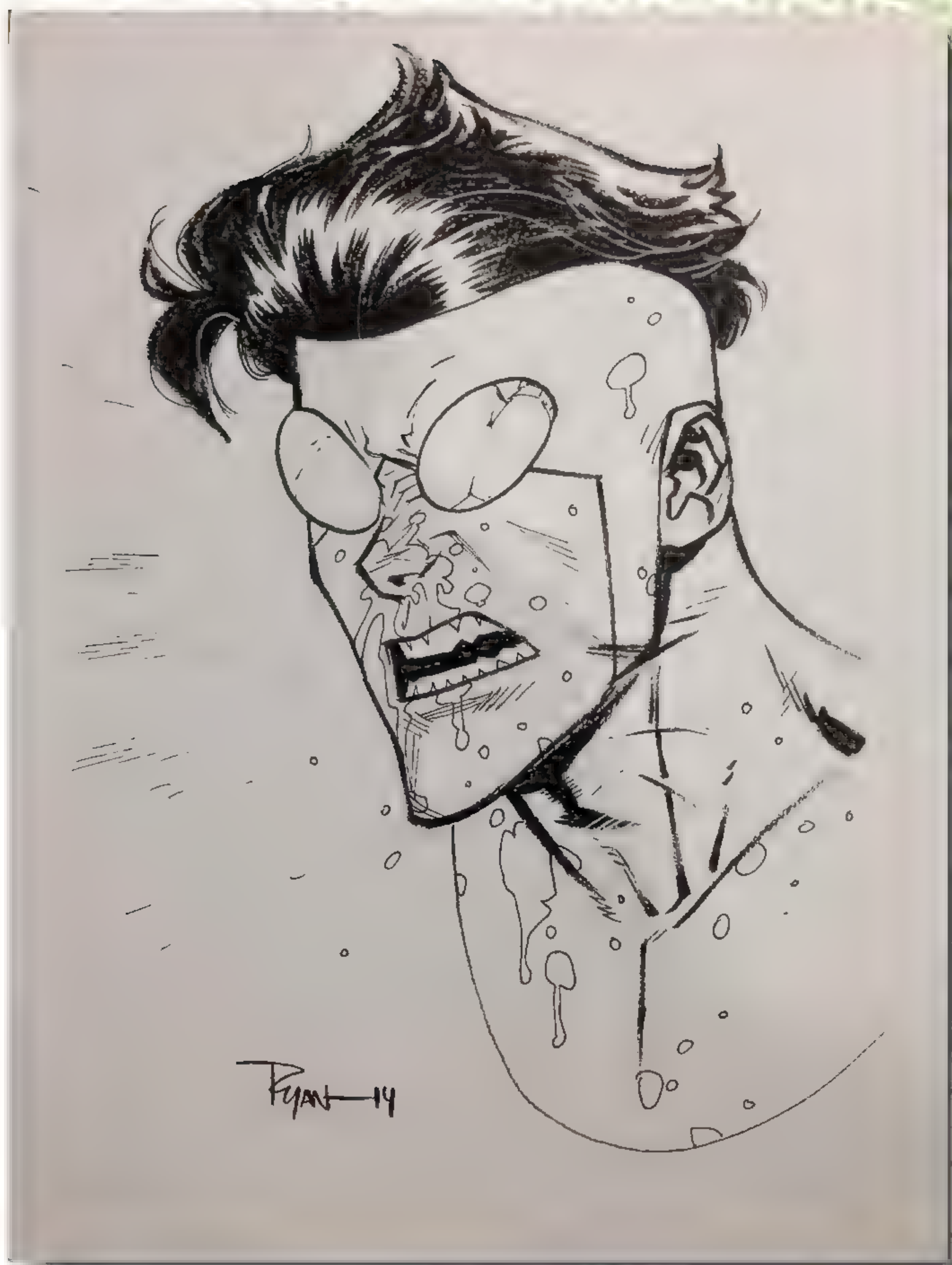


**RYAN:** Commission time! I did quite a lot of comic cons this year. So that means I did lots of drawing for fans. Here's some full commission and head sketches.





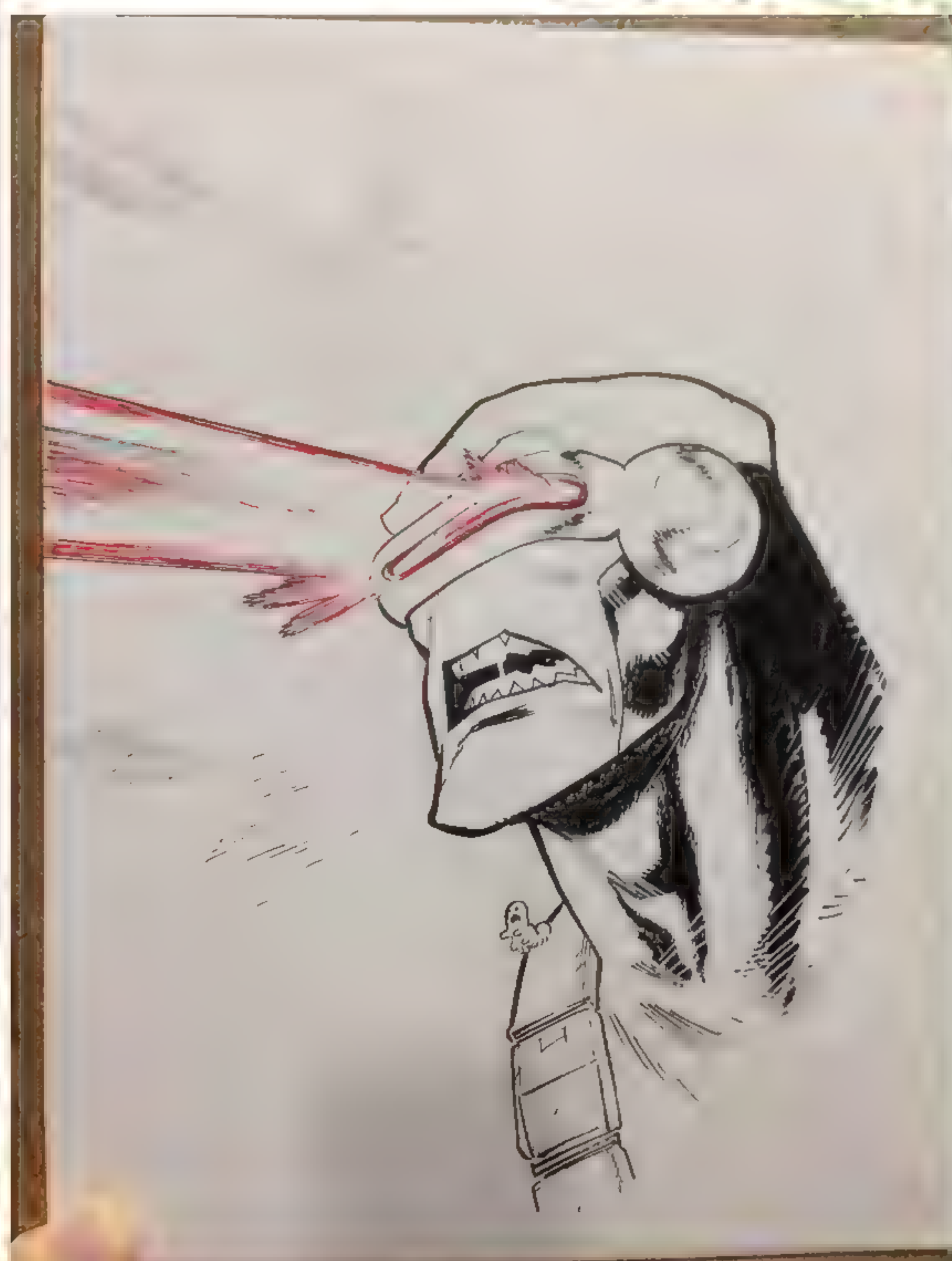
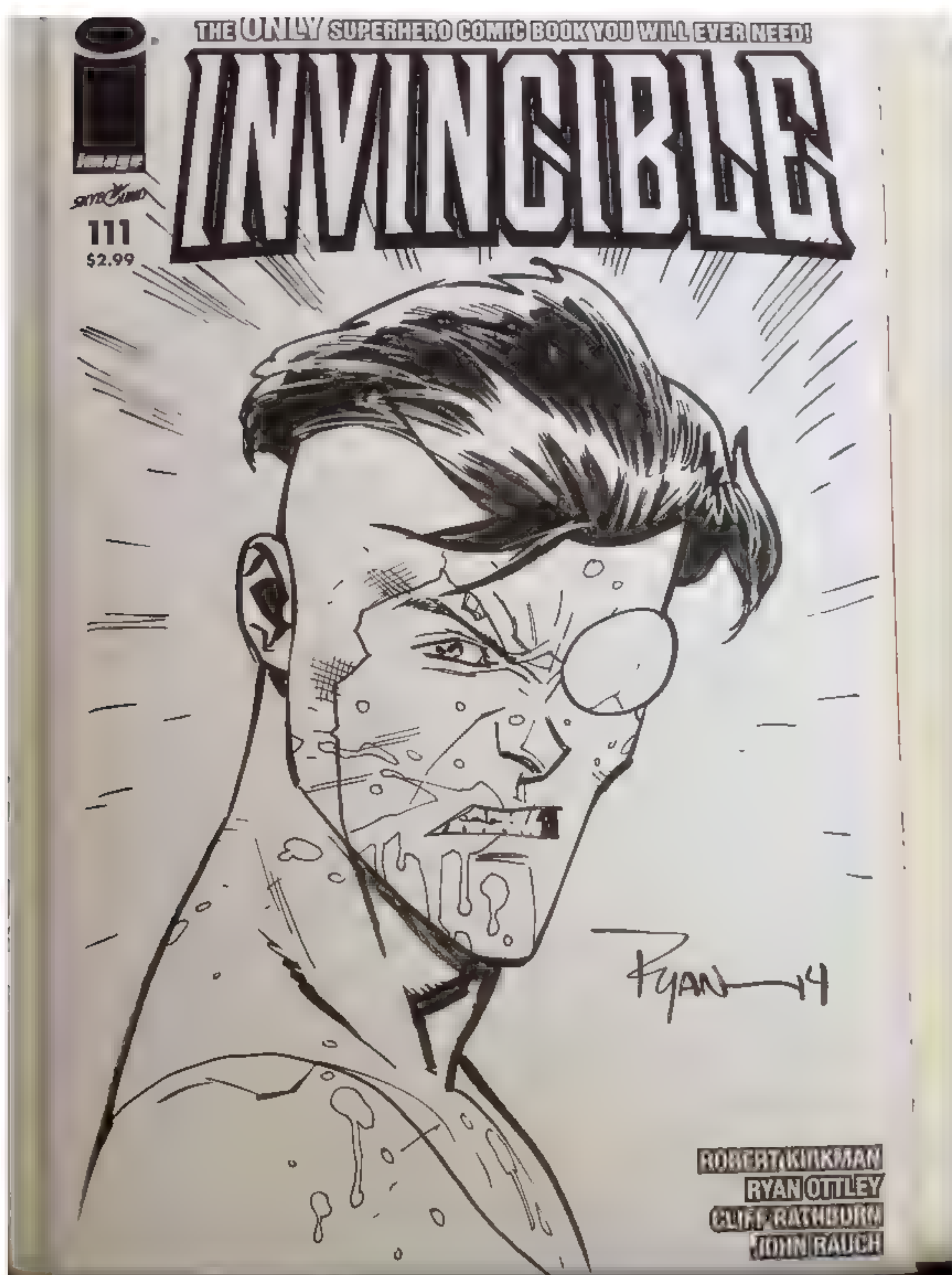








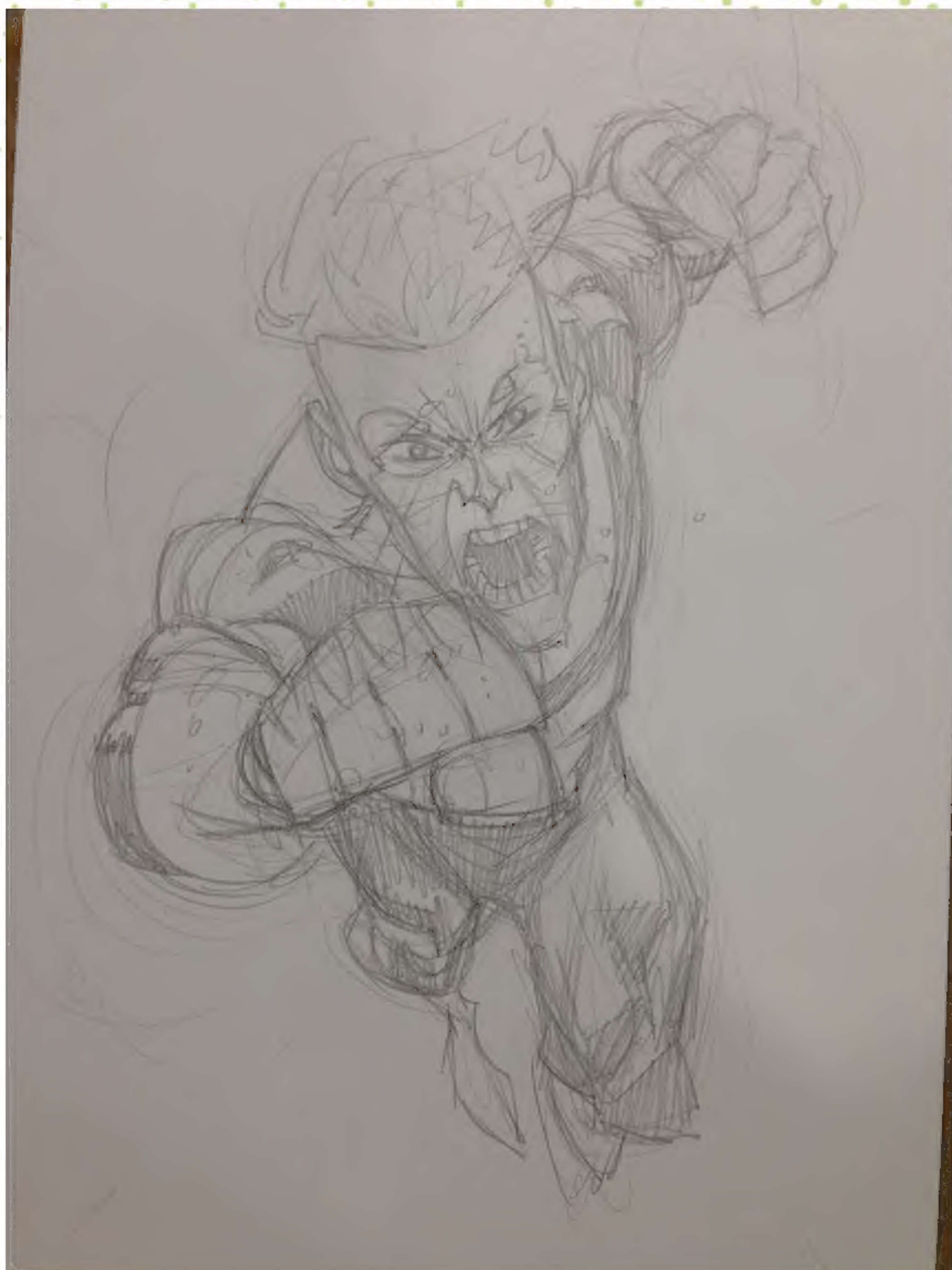












**RYAN:** Here's a process shot of a commission: pencils, then inks, then colored with markers. I love that someone asked for the blue costume. That's rare actually. Drawing *Invincible* beat-up? Not so rare, but that's fine with me. *Invincible* beat-up is always good times.

**ROBERT:** You always forget the blue pants! That's what makes the blue costume so cool... he has blue pants as part of it! Blue pants, black boots!

**RYAN:** Aw dammit. I do always forget the blue pants.

**ROBERT:** Thanks for reading everyone!







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